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TO ORGANIZE THE

Grand Commandery

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO,



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FORMATION
—OF—
Commanderies of Knights Templar
IN COLORADO.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1.

On the 13th day of January, A. D. 1866, a Dispensation was granted as issued by and under the hand and seal of M. E. HENRY L. PALMER, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to—

Sir JOSHUA HOWARD GEST, E. C.,

Sir SAMUEL H. JONES, G.,

Sir RICHARD SOPRIS, C. G.,

and seven others, to open and hold a Commandery of Knights Templar and Councils of the Appendant Orders, at the City of Denver, to be called and distinguished by the name of COLORADO COMMANDERY.

This Commandery was opened on the evening of the 22d day of February, A. D. 1866, by virtue of authority contained in said Dispensation, in due form.

On the 21st day of July, A. D. 1868, the Dispensation was returned to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States, and a Warrant of Constitution was granted and issued to Colorado Commandery No. 1, bearing date the 18th day of September, A. D. 1868, A. O. 750.

On the 3d day of November, A. D. 1868, the members of this Commandery assembled at their Asylum and Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, who had been duly appointed by the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States his special proxy for that purpose, constituted COLORADO COMMANDERY, No. 1, Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, and installed the officers thereof, according to the ancient ritual and usages of the Order.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.

On the 8th day of November, A. D. 1866, a Dispensation was granted and issued by and under the hand and seal of M. E. HENRY L. PALMER, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to —

Sir HENRY M. TELLER, E. C.,
 Sir ANDREW MASON, G.,
 Sir ARCHIBALD J. VAN DEREN, C. G.,

and others, to open and hold a Commandery of Knights Templar, and Councils of the Appendant Orders, at the City of Central, to be called and distinguished by the name of CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY.

This Commandery was opened on the evening of the 18th day of December, A. D. 1866, by virtue of the authority contained in such Dispensation, in due form.

The Dispensation was returned to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States and a Warrant of Constitution was granted and issued by M. E. WM. SEWELL GARDNER, Grand Master, to Central City Commandery No. 2, bearing date the 24th day of October, A. D. 1868, A. O. 750.

On the 22d day of December, A. D. 1868, the members of this Commandery assembled at their Asylum, and Sir HAL. SAYR, who had, on the 2d day of December, 1868, been duly appointed by the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, his special proxy for that purpose, constituted CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2,



Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, and installed the officers thereof, according to the ancient ritual and usages of the Order.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3.

On the 17th day of August, A. D. 1874, a Dispensation was granted and issued by and under the hand and seal of M. E. JOHN Q. A. FELLOWS, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to—

Sir IRVING W. STANTON, E. C.,
Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH, G.,
Sir WM. A. ELDERKIN, C. G.,

and six others, to open and hold a Commandery of Knights Templar and Councils of the Appendant Orders at the City of Pueblo, to be called and distinguished by the name of PUEBLO COMMANDERY.

This Commandery was opened on the evening of the 19th day of September, A. D. 1874, by virtue of the authority contained in such Dispensation, in due form.

The Dispensation was returned about the 7th day of November, A. D. 1874, to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States, and a Warrant of Constitution was granted and issued by M. E. JOHN Q. A. FELLOWS, Grand Master, to Pueblo Commandery No. 3, bearing date the 3d day of December, A. D. 1874, A. O. 756.

On the 9th day of March, A. D. 1875, the members of this Commandery assembled at their Asylum and Sir WM. N. BYERS, who had been duly appointed, by the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, his special proxy for that purpose, constituted PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3, Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, and installed the officers thereof, according to the ancient ritual and usages of the Order.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

Pursuant to a warrant issued February 10, 1876, by M. E. JAMES H. HOPKINS, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the following Commanderies, (being all the Commanderies in Colorado), viz :

COLORADO, No. 1, *Denver*,
CENTRAL CITY, No. 2, *Central*,
PUEBLO, No. 3, *Pueblo*,

holding their Charters from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, met in Convention in Denver, Tuesday March 14, 1876, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Convention was organized by opening a Commandery of Knights Templar in solemn form.

A Committee on Credentials reported the names of delegates entitled to seats and votes.

A Committee, consisting of the E. C. of each of said Commanderies, reported Statutes and Regulations, which were read, amended, and adopted unanimously; when the following officers were duly elected:

Sir Kt., HENRY MOORE TELLER, (2), G. C., *Central*.
" " WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, (1), D. G. C., *Denver*.
" " IRVING WALLACE STANTON, (3), G. G., *Pueblo*.
" " JAMES MONTGOMERY STRICKLER, (1), G. C. G., *Denver*.
" " PETER VOORHEES FINCH, (1), G. Pre., *Denver*.
" " MICHAEL HENDRICK FITCH, (3), G. S. W., *Pueblo*.
" " HARPER M. ORAHOOD, (2), G. J. W., *Central*.
" " WILLIAM DAVID TODD, (1), G. W., *Denver*.
" " EDWARD CARROLL PARMELEE, (2), G. Rec., *Georgetown*.

And on Wednesday, March 15th, the G. C. elect announced the following appointed officers, viz :

Sir Kt., WILLIAM ANTHONY ELDERKIN, (3), G. Std., Br., *Pueblo*.
" " GEORGE WASHINGTON MORGAN, (3), G. Sw. Br., *Pueblo*.
" " WILLIAM FULLERTON, (2), G. War., *Central*,
" " THOMAS LINTON, (1), G. Capt. of the Guard, *Denver*.

When Sir Knight WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, the duly appointed proxy of the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, installed the officers, and constituted the Grand Commandery in due form.

FORMATION
—OF THE—
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
OF COLORADO.

DENVER, TUESDAY, March 14, 1876.

A Convention of Knights Templar assembled at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery No. 1, in the City of Denver, on Tuesday the 14th day of March, A. D. 1876, A. O. 758, at 10 o'clock, a. m., by virtue of the authority of the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar for the United States of America, and agreeably to invitation of the proxy of said Grand Master.

The Convention was organized by the opening of a Commandery of Knights Templar in solemn form.

PRESENT.

E. Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, (1), *Commander*.
E. Sir IRVING W. STANTON, (3), *Generalissimo*.
Sir RALPH C. WEBSTER, (1), *Captain General*.
Sir PETER V. FINCH, (1), *Prelate*.
E. Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, (1), *Senior Warden*.
Sir WM. FULLERTON, (2), *Junior Warden*.
Sir WM. D. TODD, (1), *Treasurer*.
Sir ED. C. PARMELEE, (2), *Recorder*.
Sir WM. A. ELDERKIN, (3), *Standard Bearer*.
Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH, (3), *Sword Bearer*.
Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, (2), *Warden*.
Sir THOMAS LINTON, (1), *Sentinel*.

Also present —

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| Sir ELIJAH WINSLOW COBB, | Sir GEO. MARSTON HOWE, |
| E. Sir WM. NEWTON BYERS, | Sir EDWARD WORTHINGTON JOHNSTONE |
| Sir GEORGE CLARENCE ROBERTS, | Sir LEANDER McCARTY, |
| Sir SAMUEL MAXWELL ALLEN, | Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER, |
| Sir ADONIRUM JUDSON BEAN, | E. Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, |

—All of No. 1.

—All of No. 1.

E. Sir HENRY M. TELLER, of No. 2.

Sir GEO. WM. CURRIER, of Newburyport Commandery No. —,
Newburyport, Mass.

AUTHORITY.

The following warrant was then read:—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. }

To all True and Courteous Knights of our Order:—

KNOW YE, That whereas there are now established and existing three Commanderies in the Territory of Colorado, holding their authority from the GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and working under its jurisdiction, to-wit: Colorado Commandery No. 1, Central City Commandery No. 2, and Pueblo Commandery No. 3. And,

WHEREAS, On behalf of those several Commanderies it has been duly certified unto me that they are desirous to form, hold and maintain a Grand Commandery in and for the said Territory, and thereafter State of Colorado, subordinate to the GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: Therefore I, JAMES H. HOPKINS, Grand Master as aforesaid, being satisfied that such request is reasonable and proper, by virtue of the high power in me vested, and in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of our Order, do hereby authorize and empower the aforesaid Commanderies, Nos. 1, 2, 3, in due order, to meet at such time and place as they may agree upon, and form a STATE GRAND COMMANDERY, in and for the said Territory of Colorado, subordinate to our Grand Encampment. Such State Grand Commandery, when so formed, making due return and report to me of all their official doings and proceedings in the premises, and making a like return to our V. E. Grand Recorder. And for all of their doings, in accordance with the rules and usages of our Order in forming such State Grand Commandery, this shall be their WARRANT.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the City of Washington, this tenth day of February, A. D. 1876, A. O. 758.

JAMES H. HOPKINS, *Grand Master.*

GRAND COMMANDERY.

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PROXY OF GRAND MASTER.

The following was then read:—

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 10, 1876. }

To all True and Courteous Sir Knights, and Especially those Residing in the Territory of Colorado:—

KNOW YE, That I, JAMES H. HOPKINS, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, having duly approved of the organization of a Grand Commandery in said Territory, and having issued my warrant for the same upon petition of three Commanderies in said Territory, I do hereby constitute and appoint Sir Kt. WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, as my proxy, to form said Grand Commandery of Colorado, and to install the officers thereof, in conformity with the established laws and ceremonies relating thereto. He, the said Sir Kt., WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, to return to me this Proxy with a report of his proceedings thereunder, and also to report fully to our Grand Recorder.

Given under my hand and private seal the day and year aforesaid.

JAMES H. HOPKINS, *Grand Master.*

DECISION.

The following was ordered published with the proceedings:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 28, 1876. }

E. Sir Knight, Webster D. Anthony, Denver, Colo.—

MY DEAR SIR KNIGHT: In answer to yours of the 22d, just received, I beg to say:—

First—All three of the Commanderies in Colorado must be represented at the Convention to form a Grand Commandery; and all three must assent thereto.

Second—Past Eminent Commanders have the right to participate in the Convention; and, of course, may be counted in making the requisite number of Knights.

I will be glad to give you any further information which may be requisite.

Courteously Yours,

JAMES H. HOPKINS, *Grand Master.*

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Sir Knights TELLER, STRICKLER and FITCH were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

Who, after consultation, reported the following Sir Knights present and entitled to seats and votes in this Convention, viz :

Colorado Commandery No. 1 —

E. Sir JAMES MONTGOMERY STRICKLER, E. C.
Sir RALPH CUSHING WEBSTER, G.
Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER, C. G.

Central City Commandery No. 2 —

E. Sir HENRY MOORE TELLER, E. C.
Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, G.
Sir WM. FULLERTON, C. G.

Pueblo Commandery No. 3 —

E. Sir IRVING WALLACE STANTON, E. C.
Sir MICHAEL HENDRICK FITCH, G.
Sir WM. ANTHONY ELDERKIN, C. G.

Past Commanders —

E. Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, No. 1.
E. Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, No. 1.
E. Sir WM. NEWTON BYERS, No. 1.

Report received and unanimously adopted.

E. Sir Knight TELLER offered the following:—

WHEREAS, Colorado Commandery No. 1, Central City Commandery No. 2, and Pueblo Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, all of the Territory of Colorado, have heretofore, at regular conclaves of said Commanderies, by resolution, expressed a desire for the organization of a Grand Commandery in Colorado, and having petitioned the Grand Master to that effect; and

WHEREAS, The M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, did, on the 10th day of February, 1876, issue a WARRANT, in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of said Grand Encampment, authorizing and empowering the aforesaid Commanderies, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, in due order, to meet and form a Grand Commandery in and for the Territory of Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, We, the representatives of the said Commanderies, deeming it to be expedient and proper to organize such Grand Commandery, and that such organization will be of advantage to the Order in this jurisdiction, Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the said representatives, do hereby agree to form a State Grand Commandery in and for the said Territory of Colorado.

Whereupon the roll of representatives was called and the preamble and resolution adopted unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

Sir Knight ELDERKIN offered the following:—

Resolved, That a committee consisting of the Eminent Commanders of each of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction, be appointed a committee to report Statutes and Regulations for the government of the Grand Commandery.

Which was unanimously adopted.

E. Sir Knights STRICKLER of No. 1, TELLER of No. 2, and STANTON of No. 3 composing such committee.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 2½ o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY, March 14, 1876—2½ o'clock p. m.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Officers and representatives present as at morning session, also a large number of visiting Sir Knights.

E. Sir Knight STRICKLER, for the Committee on Statutes and Regulations presented their report which was received and the committee discharged; and the report having been read and considered by sections and amended, the whole thereof was unanimously adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion of E. Sir Knight TELLER, the Convention proceeded to the election for Grand officers.

Sir Knights ELDERKIN and FITCH were appointed tellers.

The result of the election was as follows:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir HENRY MOORE TELLER, Central, (2), *R. E. Grand Commander*.

Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver, (1), *V. E. Deputy Grand Commander*.

Sir IRVING WALLACE STANTON, Pueblo, (3), *E. Grand Generalissimo*.

Sir JAMES MONTGOMERY STRICKLER, Denver, (1), *E. Grand Captain General*.

Sir PETER VOORHEES FINCH, Denver, (1), *E. Grand Prelate*.

Sir MICHAEL HENDRICK FITCH, Pueblo, (3), *E. Grand Senior Warden*.

Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Central, (2), *E. Grand Junior Warden*.

Sir WM. DAVID TODD, Denver, (1), *E. Grand Treasurer*.

Sir EDWARD CARROLL PARMELEE, Georgetown, (2), *E. Grand Recorder*.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1876—10 o'clock a. m.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, same officers and representatives as yesterday, and a number of visiting Sir Knights.

Sir Knight TELLER, R. E. Grand Commander elect, announced the following appointed officers, viz:—

Sir WILLIAM ANTHONY ELDERKIN, Pueblo, (3), *E. Grand Standard Bearer.*

Sir GEORGE WASHINGTON MORGAN, Pueblo, (3), *E. Grand Sword Bearer.*

Sir WM. FULLERTON, Central, (2), *E. Grand Warden.*

Sir THOMAS LINTON, Denver, (1), *E. Grand Captain of the Guard.*

E. Sir Knight ANTHONY then read the following which was ordered published with the proceedings:—

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 10, 1876. }

E. Sir Knight W. N. Byers, Denver, Col.:—

MY DEAR SIR KNIGHT—I take great pleasure in approving of the organization of a Grand Commandery in Colorado. I enclose you the requisite Warrant and my proxy to Sir Knight Webster D. Anthony, as requested by the petitioning Commanderies. The statutes will instruct you as to the proper steps to be taken to form your Grand Commandery.

Inasmuch as yours is to be the Centennial Grand Commandery, it might be agreeable and interesting to have your officers installed at Philadelphia, at the great re-union. If so, you could proceed that far, elect your officers and postpone their installation until the first of June. I merely make the suggestion, without desiring to interfere in the slightest with the plans and wishes of the Sir Knights of Colorado. Please convey to the Grand Commandery, when formed, my earnest wish for its unbounded and uninterrupted prosperity. May the principles of Christian Knighthood be as deeply bedded as the granite mountains which encircle this new jurisdiction; and may they be esteemed as of more priceless value than all the minerals which lie embosomed in those mountains. Assure the Sir Knights, who will be to some extent removed from my immediate command, that they have the benediction of the Grand Encampment in their new relationship.

Courteously Yours,

JAMES H. HOPKINS, *Grand Master.*

E. Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, the duly appointed proxy of R. E. Sir JAMES H. HOPKINS, Grand master, assisted by E. Sir WM. N. BYERS, as Grand Marshal, then installed all the officers except the Deputy Grand Commander, (see list heretofore given), each having first taken the Constitutional vow of office, in due and Knightly form. R. E. HENRY M. TELLER, Grand Commander, then installed WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, he having first taken the Constitutional vow of office, as V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

The newly installed officers assumed the performance of their several duties in their proper stations.

The Grand Marshal made proclamation that the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado was duly formed and constituted, and its officers elected and installed according to the ancient ritual and usages of the order.

The Grand Commander declared the Convention of Knights Templar closed, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado opened in ample form.

The R. E. Grand Commander addressed the Grand Commandery in some appropriate and interesting remarks.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed a committee on Templar Jurisprudence:—

E. Sir FRANCIS GALLUP,
Sir ARCHIBALD J. VAN DEREN,
Sir HENRY CALVIN THATCHER.

On Foreign Correspondence:—

E. Sir WILLIAM N. BYERS,
Sir OREN HARRISON HENRY,
Sir ED. C. PARMELEE.

Sir Knight PARMELEE offered the following, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Recorders of the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction, be instructed forthwith to furnish the Grand Recorder with a correct list of officers and members of their Commanderies as shown by their rolls on the 15th day of March, 1876, and that the same be published with the proceedings.

Also the following, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to draw a warrant on the

Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of August, in each year, for such an amount as may be necessary to pay the dues, due from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Also the following, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to prepare forms for Petitions for Dispensation, Recommendation of the same, Dispensation, Petition for Charter, Charter, Petitions and Dimits, and that the same, after their approval by the Grand Commander, be printed with the proceedings of this conclave.

Sir Knight SPANGLER offered a resolution which was amended and adopted, as follows:—

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Sir Knights James M. Strickler, G. C. G., Ralph C. Webster, and the Captain General of the three subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction, be appointed on Tactics and Drill, who shall prepare a manuel for drill applicable to Commanderies of the average size of those in this jurisdiction, which, when approved by the R. E. Grand Commander, shall be promulgated for the use and government of the subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.

Said Committee consists of Sir Knights STRICKLER, WEBSTER, SPANGLER, FULLERTON, and ELDERKIN.

Sir Knight TODD offered the following, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to have the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, the Statutes of this Grand Commandery, the Proceedings of the Convention to organize this Grand Commandery, and of this Grand Commandery, printed.

On motion the Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1876—2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Commandery was called to duty at the appointed hour by the Grand Commander.

All of the officers and representatives present.

E. Sir Knight BYERS offered the following which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the design for a seal prepared and presented by Sir Knight Wm. A. Elderkin, be adopted as the seal of this Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder be instructed to have the same engraved and a suitable cut thereof made to be used in connection with printed documents of this Grand Commandery.

Also the following, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to procure the necessary books and stationary for the use of this Grand Commandery.

V. E. Sir Knight ANTHONY offered a resolution which, on motion of Sir Knight FITCH, was amended to read as follows, and adopted:—

Resolved, That there be assessed against Colorado Commandery No. 1 the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, and against Central City Commandery No. 2 the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents, and against Pueblo Commandery No. 3 the sum of forty-seven dollars and fifty cents; said amounts to be paid to the Grand Treasurer on or before May 15, 1876.

E. Sir Knight BYERS offered the following, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to keep a full and exact record of all dispensations and charters issued, and that in case of loss, a certified copy of the original paper may be issued by order of the Grand Commander to the Commandery suffering such loss.

E. Sir Knight STANTON offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due and are hereby tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1, for the use of their Asylum and for knightly courtesies extended during the formation of the Grand Commandery.

The minutes were then read and approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery adjourned to meet the second Tuesday of March, (13th day), A. D. 1877, A. O. 759, in Denver.



HENRY M. TELLER,
Grand Commander.

[Attest]
ED. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Recorder.



Appendix.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar,

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1871.

ARTICLE FIRST.

Of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

SECTION I.—HOW CONSTITUTED.

{1) The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States is constituted as follows:—

Official members of the Gr. Encampment.

- I. The Grand Master,
- II. The Deputy Grand Master,
- III. The Grand Generalissimo,
- IV. The Grand Captain General,
- V. The Grand Prelate,
- VI. The Grand Senior Warden,
- VII. The Grand Junior Warden,
- VIII. The Grand Treasurer,
- IX. The Grand Recorder,
- X. The Grand Standard Bearer,
- XI. The Grand Sword Bearer,
- XII. The Grand Warder,
- XIII. The Grand Captain of the Guard,

(2)

- XIV. All Past Grand Masters,
- XV. All Past Deputy Grand Masters,
- XVI. All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
- XVII. All Past Grand Captains General of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

[The first nine of whom shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining four officers, tenth to thirteenth, inclusive, shall be appointed by the Grand Master. *See Amendment adopted Sept. 21, 1871.*]

Who elected,
who appointed.

LIKEWISE,

- XVIII. All Grand Commanders,
- XIX. All Past Grand Commanders,
- XX. All Deputy Grand Commanders,
- XXI. All Grand Generalissimos, and
- XXII. All Grand Captains General of each State Grand Commandery that acknowledges the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Members from
Grand Com-
manderies.

(2) Each of the individuals above enumerated shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Who may vote.
One vote each.

LIKEWISE,

- XXIII. The first three officers of each Commandery that holds its Charter immediately from the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Members from
Subordinate
Commanderies

(3) These, or as many of them as may be present at any meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, shall be entitled collectively to one vote.

No. of Votes.

(4) All officers of the late General Grand Encampment shall rank and have all the privileges of members of equal rank as provided for herein.

Rank of Offi-
cers of General
Gr. Encamp-
ment.

(5) No person shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment of the United States, unless he shall be at the time a member of some Subordinate Commandery under the general or immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Eligibility to
office.

SECTION II.—PROXIES.

(1) The first four officers named in Section 1, of this Article; likewise, the first four officers of all State Grand Commanderies; likewise, the first three officers of all Subordinate Chartered Commanderies held under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, may appear and vote by *proxy*; said proxies being at the time of service members of Subordinate Commanderies, and producing properly authenticated certificates of their appointment.

Who may appoint Proxies.

Qualifications of Proxies.

SECTION III.—TITLES.

(1) The title and designation of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, is *Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar*.

Titles of officers.

That of the Deputy Grand Master, *Right Eminent*.

Of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment, *Very Eminent*.

SECTION IV.—MEETINGS.

(1) The stated meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States shall occur triennially [on the *Second* (*First*, amendment Sept. 16, 1859,) *Tuesday of September*, at such places] AT SUCH TIME AND PLACE (amendment of Sept. 3, 1862) as may have been previously designated by the Standing Committee (see Art. Fourth, Sec. IV., Rule 4), and approved by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Time and Place of meeting.

(2) Special meetings may be called by the Most Eminent Grand Master, at his discretion. And it shall be his duty, upon the requisition of the majority of the State Grand Commanderies, to him directed in writing, to call special meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Special meetings. How called.

(3) The Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

Tenure of office.

(4) At the stated meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, there shall be reviewed and considered all the official reports of its officers, and of the State

Powers of Gr. Encampment.

Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, under its immediate jurisdiction, for the preceding three years.

(5) They shall proceed to elect by ballot the several officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States, save and except a Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer,
Elect officers. Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, and Grand Captain of the Guard, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master,
Exceptions. to serve during the term of the office of the Grand Master, making the appointment. (See Art. First, Sec. V., Div. I. (2) Amendment Sept. 21, 1871).

(6) To adopt such Rules and Edicts as may be necessary for the good of the Order.
Adopt Rules.

(7) To examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.
Examine Accounts of Officers.

(8) To supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Encampment.
Supervise Finances.

(9) To grant or withhold Warrants, Dispensations, and Charters for all new State Grand or Subordinate Commanderies. (See Art. Second, Sec. I. (1) and Art. Three, Sec. I)(3).
Grant Warrants.

(10) For good cause, to revoke pre-existing Warrants, Charters, or Dispensations.
Revoke Warrants.

(11) To assign the limits of the State Grand Commanderies, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.
Define jurisdictional limits.

(12) And finally, to consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of the principles of Templar Masonry.
To consider matters in general.

(13) No business shall be transacted at the called meetings, save that which was specified in the original summons.
Specific business at Special Meetings.

(14) At every meeting, all questions shall be determined

by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the vote is equally divided, he has the casting vote.

Majority of
votes to govern.
Casting Vote.

(15) This Grand Encampment being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, admits an appeal to be taken by any member from the decision of the Chair on any question under consideration therein: *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be maintained unless two-thirds of all the members present shall vote therefor.

Appeal al-
lowed from de-
cision of Chair.

(16) That right is adopted for this Grand Encampment alone, and is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for the guidance of any other Masonic body.

Confined to
Gr. Enc.

SECTION V.—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

DIVISION I.—*The Grand Master.*

(1) It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master, generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance with the usages of Templar Masonry. And as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the Constitutional enactments, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and promptly observed.

Duties of Gr.
Master.

Supervision
over Grand and
Subordinate
Commanderies.

Enforce edicts.

And that the Dress, Work, and discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere are uniform.

Costumes to
be uniform.

Among his special duties and prerogatives are the following:—

(2) [To appoint *the Prelate and the Grand Captain of the Guard, at the triennial meetings of the Grand Encampment*].
"TO APPOINT A GRAND PRELATE, GRAND STANDARD BEARER, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND WARDER, GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD, TO SERVE DURING THE TERM OF THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER MAKING THE APPOINTMENT." (See Art. First, Sec. IV. (5)). (Amendment September 21, 1871.)

Appoint Offi-
cers.

Call meetings. (3) To call special meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States. (See Art. First, Sec. IV. (2)).

Visit Com-manderies. (4) To visit and preside at any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, in the United States, and give such instruction or directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks.

Require bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. (5) To cause to be executed, and securely to preserve and keep, the official bonds and securities of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. (See Art. First, Sec. V, Div. 6, (4)).

Grant Dispensations. (6) To grant Letters of Dispensation during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the institution of new Commanderies (see Art. Third, Sec. I, (4)), such Dispensations to be in force no longer than the next triennial meeting of that body, and promptly to notify the Grand Recorder of the issuing of said Letters of Dispensation.

Grant Warrants. (7) To approve and grant Warrants during the recess of the Grand Encampment for the institution of State Grand Commanderies in States, Districts, or Territories, where the same have not been heretofore established. (See Art. Second, Sec. I. (1)).

Manage contingent fund. (8) To manage and control the contingent fund. (See Art. Fourth, Sec. I. (9) and (10)).

2. *The Deputy Grand Master.*

When deputy may serve. (1) The Deputy Grand Master, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Master. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Master.

3. *The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General.*

Order of succession. (1) In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as Grand Master, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be

assigned them by the Grand Encampment, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

4. *The Grand Treasurer.*

(1) The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, shall invest from time to time all such moneys as may come to his hands, belonging to the Grand Encampment, over and above the sum of three hundred dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Encampment, but subject to call on thirty days' notice. And the same shall be at his command on the first day of September preceding the triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment.

Gr. Treasurer
invest funds.

(2) He shall render to the Grand Encampment, at its triennial meetings, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received, the earnings thereon accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him during the vacation.

Render an account.

(3) Likewise, a copy of the same to the Grand Master, by the first day of September preceding the triennial meeting, to the end that the Grand Master may make such suggestions on account thereof as he may deem necessary.

Report to Gr.
Master.

(4) He shall pay all drafts drawn upon the contingent fund by the Grand Master. (See Art. Fourth, Sec. I (9), (10).)

Pay drafts.

(5) He shall carefully preserve, and render from time to time, as ordered, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Encampment entrusted to his keeping. [Shall give bond, etc., see Sec. V. Div. 6, (4).]

Preserve property of Gr. Encampment.

5. *The Grand Recorder.*

(1) The Grand Recorder shall collect and receive all the revenues of the Grand Encampment, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer whenever it reaches the sum of one hundred Dollars. (See Amendment Art. Fourth, Sec. I (1), (2).)

Collect Revenue.

(2) He shall render annually to the Grand Master and to the Grand Treasurer copies of his accounts of all moneys

Render an account to Grand Master.

received and expended by him,—naming the sources from which they were received,—bringing up said accounts to the first day of September.

Render account to Grand Encampment.

(3) Likewise to the Grand Encampment, triennially, a general account of the same.

Forward Constitution to new Commandery.

(4) He shall forward to each newly constituted Commandery, immediately upon receiving official notice that a Dispensation has issued, a copy of this Constitution, together with whatever Rules and Edicts are in force.

Report to Gr. Encampment.

(5) He shall report to the Grand Encampment, on the second day of each triennial meeting, the names of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition (see Art. Third, Sec. IV. Div. 2, (1), (2)) to furnish him with its full triennial historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Encampment.

Delinquent Commanderies.

Report delinquent Commanderies to Grand Master.

(6) He shall report annually, on the first day of September, to the Grand Master, the names of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition (see Art. Third, Sec. IV. Div. 2, (1), (2),) to furnish him with its full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Master. [Shall give bond, etc., see Sec. V. Div. 6, (4).]

Keep Book of Templar Masonry.

(7) He shall open and keep a "Book of Templar Masonry," in which shall be entered, in appropriate columns, the following subjects :—

A. A REGISTER OF COMMANDERIES,—to contain,

I. 1. The date of issuing every Warrant for a Grand Commandery.

2. The date of issuing every Dispensation, and—

3. The date of issuing every Charter for a Subordinate Commandery,

Granted by authority of the Grand Encampment since its origin (1816).

II. 1. The Roll of Officers of the Grand Conclave of the Royal, Exalted, Religious, and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar in England and Wales (1791).

2. The Roll of (a) Encampments [and Priories], (b) Officers, and (c) Members, of the "Provincial Grand Conclave of Canada" (1855-67), [and of the "Grand Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and the Hospital, for the Dominion of Canada," 1868-].

B. A REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

I. 1. The Roll of Officers of the Grand Encampment, with their terms of service, etc., since the origin of the same.

II. 1. The Roll of (a) Officers and (b) Members of the Grand Commanderies, terms of service, etc., from the organization of each.

2. The Roll of Officers of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

With all the current changes resulting from dismissions, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths.

C. HISTORICAL DATA.

Tending to lighten up the history of Templar Masonry in the United States.

OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND COMMANDERIES.

I. 1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, a copy of all the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment since its organization.

II. 1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of all the Proceedings of Grand Commanderies, from the organization of each.

2. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the By-Laws of all the Grand Commanderies.

3. To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the Seals of all the Grand Commanderies.

OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

I. 1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the By-Laws of all the Subordinate Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

2. To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the Seals of each Subordinate Commandery working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

And to make a triennial report of his official acts.

6. *The Remaining Officers.*

Duties of officers.

(1) The duties of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or such as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment.

Who may visit Commanderies, and preside.

(2) The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain General are severally authorized to visit and preside in any Commandery of Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Institution may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks.

Succession.

(3) In the event of the absence of all the four principal officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

To give bonds.

(4) The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall severally give bond and securities, in such form and to such an amount—but not less than double the estimated triennial receipts by either—as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Master, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and securities, and who shall keep and preserve the same.

(5) Any Grand Officer, save as above excepted, coming

into the receipt of moneys or property belonging to the Grand Encampment, shall forthwith remit the same to the Grand Recorder.

To whom
moneys are to
be paid.

ARTICLE SECOND.

Of the State Grand Commanderies.

SECTION I.—HOW CONSTITUTED.

(1) Whenever there shall be three or more Subordinate Chartered Commanderies instituted or holden under this Constitution, in any one State, District, or Territory, in which a Grand Encampment has not been heretofore formed a *Grand Commandery* may be formed, after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

When Grand
Commanderies
may be formed.

Warrant nec-
essary.

(2) Its jurisdiction shall be the territorial limits in which it is holden.

Jurisdiction.

(3) A State Grand Commandery consists of the following members [THE FIRST NINE OF WHOM SHALL BE ELECTED BY BALLOT, AND THE REMAINING FOUR OFFICERS,—TENTH AND THIRTEENTH, INCLUSIVE,—SHALL BE ELECTED, OR APPOINTED, AS THE GRAND COMMANDERY MAY DIRECT. Amendment September 22, 1871]:—

Official mem-
bers of the Gr.
Commandery—
who elected,
who appointed.

- I. The Grand Commander ;
- II. The Deputy Grand Commander ;
- III. The Grand Generalissimo ;
- IV. The Grand Captain General ;
- V. The Grand Prelate ;
- VI. The Grand Senior Warden ;
- VII. The Grand Junior Warden ;
- VIII. The Grand Treasurer ;
- IX. The Grand Recorder ;
- X. The Grand Standard Bearer ;
- XI. The Grand Sword Bearer ;
- XII. The Grand Warder, and
- XIII. The Grand Captain of the Guard.

Members.

APPENDIX.

LIKEWISE,

XIV. All Past Grand Commanders [and Grand Masters;]

XV. All Past Deputy Grand Commanders [and Deputy Grand Masters;]

XVI. All Past Grand Generalissimos, and

XVII. All Past Grand Captains General of the same Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of the Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

LIKEWISE,

Members from
Subordinate
Commanderies.

XVIII. The Commander ;

XIX. The Generalissimo, and

XX. The Captain General of each Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

LIKEWISE,

XXI. All Past Commanders of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the same Grand Commanderies, so long as they remain members of Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

Who may vote. (4) Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of the State Grand Commandery.

Eligibility to office. (5) No person shall be eligible to any office in a State Grand Commandery unless he shall be at the time a member of some Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

Gr. Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. (6) The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both those States.*

*Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Virginia is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both the States of Virginia and West Virginia. Adopted September 22, 1871.

SECTION II.—PROXIES.

(1) Any officer specified in Section I. of this Article, save and except Past Commanders, may appear and vote Who may vote by proxy. *by proxy*, said proxy being at the time of service a member of the same Subordinate Commandery as his principal, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment. Certificate necessary.

SECTION III.—TITLES.

(1) The title and designation of the Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery, is *Right Eminent*. Titles of officers.
 That of Deputy Grand Commander, *Very Eminent*.
 Of the remaining officers of the Grand Commandery, *Eminent*.

SECTION IV.—MEETINGS.

(1) The stated meetings of a State Grand Commandery shall occur annually, at such time and place as said Grand Commandery in its discretion may direct. Stated meetings.

(2) Special meetings may be called by the Grand Commander at his discretion. Special meetings.

(3) The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed. Tenure of office.

(4) At the stated meetings of each Grand Commandery there shall be reviewed and considered all the official reports of its officers and of the Subordinate Commanderies within its jurisdiction for the preceding year. Powers of the Gr. Commandery.

(5) They shall proceed to elect by ballot the several officers of the Grand Commandery; *provided*, that the Grand Standard Bearer, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Warder, and the Grand Captain of the Guard; may be elected or *appointed*, as the Grand Commandery may direct. (See Art. Second, Sec. 1 (3).) Amendment September 22, 1871. Elect officers.
Exceptions.

- (6) To adopt such Rules and Edicts, subordinate to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as may be necessary for the good of the Order.
- Adopt Rules and Edicts.
- (7) To examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.
- Examine accounts.
- (8) To supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property to the Grand Commandery.
- Supervise Finances.
- (9) To grant or withhold Dispensations and Charters for all new Commanderies.
- Grant Dispensations.
- (10) For good cause, to revoke any pre-existing Charter or Dispensation.
- Revoke Charters.
- (11) To assign the limits of Subordinate Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.
- Assign jurisdictional limits.
- (12) And finally, to consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of Templar Masonry, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.
- To consider matters in general.
- (13) No business shall be transacted at the *called* meetings save that which was specified in the original summons.
- Specific business.
- (14) At every meeting, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.
- Majority of votes to determine.
Casting vote.
- (15) No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of the Grand Commander.
- No appeal.

SECTION V.—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

DIVISION I. *The Grand Commander.*

- (1) The Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery shall have a watchful supervision over all the Subordi-

nate Commanderies under his jurisdiction, and see that all the constitutional enactments, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of his own Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly observed.

Duties of Gr. Commander.

(2) He shall have the power and authority, during the recess of his Grand Commandery, to grant Letters of Dispensation to a competent number of petitioners—nine or more, residing within his jurisdiction, and possessing the constitutional qualifications empowering them to form and open a Commandery.

Grant Dispensations.

(3) Such Dispensations to be in force no longer than the next annual meeting of his Grand Commandery.

Term of.

(4) But no letters of Dispensation for constituting a new Commandery shall be issued, save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the same territorial jurisdiction, nearest the place of the new Commandery prayed for.

Recommendation of nearest Commandery necessary.

(5) He may call special meetings of his Grand Commandery at his discretion. (See Art. Second, Sec. IV. (2)).

Call Special meetings.

(6) [DURING THE RECESS OF HIS GRAND COMMANDERY, HE MAY SUSPEND FROM THE FUNCTIONS OF HIS OFFICE ANY OFFICER OF THE GRAND OR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY, OR ARREST THE CHARTER OR DISPENSATION OF A COMMANDERY; BUT IN NEITHER CASE SHALL SUCH SUSPENSION EFFECT THE STANDING IN THE ORDER OF SUCH OFFICER, OR HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMANDERY. AND HE SHALL REPORT HIS ACTION IN FULL THEREIN TO THE NEXT CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY FOR ITS FINAL ACTION.] Amendment September 22, 1871.

May suspend from office.

(7) He may visit and preside at any Commandery within the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, but always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks.

Visit Commanderies.

(8) It is his duty, either in person, or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Attend meetings of Grand Encampment.

2. *The Deputy Grand Commander.*

(1) The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander. At all other times he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

Duties of Deputy.

(2) It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Attend meetings of Grand Encampment.

3. *Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General.*

(1) In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as Grand Commanders, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

Succession of office.

(2) It is their duty, either in person, or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Attend meetings.

4. *The Grand Recorder.*

(1) The Grand Recorder shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Commanderies, likewise to the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Duties of Gr. Recorder.

(2) Said Communication to embrace the roll of Grand Officers, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order.

Roll of Officers.

(3) [He shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day in August, of each year, the Annual Returns and Dues for his Grand Commandery, as required in the provision of Art. Fourth, Sec. I, (2),] See amendment IV. 1871.

To make Returns to Gr. Recorder of Grand Encampment.

(4) He shall also regularly transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States copies of all the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by this Grand Commandery.

Send by-laws.

(5) The duties of the remaining officers, as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or allotted to them by the Grand Commandery, and corresponding as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Duties of other officers.

(6) In the event of the absence of all four principal officers of the Grand Commandery, the Past Grand Officers, according to the rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

Succession by seniority.

ARTICLE THIRD.

Of Subordinate Commanderies.

SECTION I.—HOW CONSTITUTED.

(1) Each State Grand Commandery shall have exclusive power to constitute new *Commanderies* within its jurisdiction.

Powers of Gr. Commanderies.

(2) During the recess of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall have the power to grant *Letters of Dispensation* to a competent number of petitioners, nine or more, possessing the constitutional qualifications, and residing within its territorial jurisdiction, empowering them to form and open a Commandery for a term of time not extending beyond the next stated meeting of the Grand Commandery.

Grand Commander to grant Dispensations in his jurisdiction.

(3) The Grand Encampment of the United States shall have exclusive power to constitute new *Commanderies* within any State, District or Territory, wherein there is no State Commandery regularly formed under the authority of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Power of Gr. Encampment over unoccupied territory.

(4) During the recess of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master shall have power to grant *Letters of Dispensation*

(3)

Gr. Master has
power to grant
Dispensations
during recess of
Grand Enc.

sation to a competent number of petitioners, nine or more, possessing the constitutional qualifications, and residing within said unappropriated State, District, or Territory, empowering them to form and open a Commandery for a term of time not extending beyond the next stated meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

(5) A Subordinate Commandery consists of the following members:—

Members of
Subordinate
Commandery.

- I. The Commander ;
- II. The Generalissimo ;
- III. The Captain General ;
- IV. The Prelate ;
- V. The Senior Warden ;
- VI. The Junior Warden ;
- VII. The Treasurer ;
- VIII. The Recorder ;
- IX. The Standard Bearer ;
- X. The Sword Bearer, and
- XI. The Warder.

LIKEWISE,

XII. As many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline.

One vote.

(6) Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in the proceedings of the Subordinate Commandery.

SECTION II.—TITLES.

Titles.

(1) The title and designation of the Commander of a Subordinate Commandery, is *Eminent*.

SECTION III.—MEETINGS.

Stated meet-
ings.

(1) The stated meetings of a Subordinate Commandery shall occur at least semi-annually, at such time and place as may be specified in the Charter, or designated in the By-Laws of the Commandery.

(2) Special meetings may be called by the Commander at his discretion. Special meetings.

(3) The several officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors be duly elected and installed. Tenure of office.

(4) No business shall be performed at the *called* meetings save that which was specified in the original summons. Business at called meetings.

(5) At every meeting, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. Questions, how determined.
Casting vote.

(6) No appeal shall lie to the Subordinate Commandery from the decision of the Commander. No appeal.

SECTION IV.—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

The Commander.

(1) The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Rules, and Edicts of the State Grand Commandery, and of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Duties of Commander.

(2) That accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered. Records.

(3) That regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment or Commandery, annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid. Returns made, etc.

(4) He may call special meetings of his Commandery at his discretion. (See Art. Third, Sec. III. (2)). May call special meetings,

(5) It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of his Grand Encampment or Commandery. Attend meetings of Gr. Encampment or Commandery.

The Recorder.

(1) It shall be the duty of the Recorder of every Subordinate Commandery, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States— Duties of Recorder.

Make returns. (2) To report annually to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, up to the first day of August, the Roll of his officers and Members, and the Working Roll of his Commandery.

Send dues. And to accompany the same with the amount of dues to the Grand Encampment of the United States. (See Art. Fourth, Sec. I. (4)).

Failure sub-
jects to discip-
line. (3) For failure herein, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to Knightly discipline.

Seniority in
succession. (4) In the event of the absence of all the three principal officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

ARTICLE FOURTH.

Miscellaneous.

SECTION I.—FEES, DUES AND FINANCES.

Annual Dues
of five cents. (1) "THE STATE GRAND COMMANDERIES, IN SUCH MANNER AS THEY MAY RESPECTIVELY DETERMINE, SHALL ANNUALLY COLLECT AND PAY TO THE GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO *five cents* FOR EACH SIR KNIGHT RETURNED AS A MEMBER OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES, AT THE MEETING OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY PRECEDING AUGUST THE FIRST IN EACH YEAR.

When and to
whom sent. (2) "THIS FUND, WITH THE RETURNS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY, AS REQUIRED IN ART. SECOND, SEC. V. DIV. 4, (1), (2), (3), SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, ON *or before* THE FIRST DAY OF AUGUST IN EACH YEAR." Adopted September 22, 1871.

Fee for Dis-
pensation. (3) The fee for instituting a new Commandery shall not be less than ninety dollars.

Dues of Sub-
ordinate Com-
manderies. (4) For every Knight Templar created in any Commandery, holden by Dispensation or Charter, whilst under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the

United States, there shall be paid two dollars into the Treasury of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

(5) The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States shall receive ten dollars as his fee for each Charter issued, and five dollars for endorsing, under the seal of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the extension of a Dispensation. Gr. Recorder's fee.

(6) The State Grand Commanderies, respectively, shall possess authority, upon the institution of new Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions— Powers of Gr. Commanderies.

(7) To require from the several Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions, such proportions of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders. Proportions of sums received, etc.

(8) Likewise, such sums, in the form of annual dues from their respective members, as may be necessary for supporting the Grand Commandery. Annual dues.

(9) No Subordinate Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than twenty dollars. Fee for Orders.

(10). There shall be a Contingent Fund of three hundred dollars, placed to the credit of the Most Eminent Grand Master, on the books of the Grand Treasurer, at the close of each triennial session, out of which the Grand Master shall reimburse himself for his necessary cash expenses in the performance of his constitutional duties, and make a triennial report of the same to the Grand Encampment. Contingent fund for Grand Master.

(11) There shall be appropriated at each triennial session of the Grand Encampment of the United States a sufficient sum to be used by the Grand Recorder to meet the current expenses of the secretariat, of which he shall render an account at the succeeding session. Contingent fund for Grand Recorder.

SECTION II.—GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Royal Arch Masons only Eligible to the Orders.

REGULATION I. No Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any one who

Who eligible
to Orders. is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Order of Succession.

Order of suc-
cession. REGULATION 2. The rule of succession in conferring the Orders of Knighthood shall be as follows: 1. The Knight of the Red Cross. 2. Knight Templar, [and KNIGHT OF MALTA,] adopted September 7, 1865.

Commandery to have Dispensation or Charter.

Commander-
ies must have a
Dispensation or
Charter. REGULATION 3. Every Commandery working in a State, District, or Territory, where there is a Grand Commandery, shall have a Dispensation or Charter from said Grand Commandery. And no Commandery hereafter to be formed or opened in such State, District, or Territory, shall be deemed legal without such Charter or Dispensation.

Without Charter, all Templar Communication Forbidden.

Masonic com-
munication in-
terdicted. REGULATION 4. All Masonic communication, as a Templar, is interdicted between any Commandery working under the general or special jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, or any member thereof, and any Commandery or member of such, that may be formed, opened, or holden in such State, District, or Territory, without such Charter or Dispensation.

Sojourner not Eligible to the Orders.

Irregular to
confer orders on
sojourner. REGULATION 5. It shall be deemed irregular for any Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood, or either of them, upon any sojourner, whose place of residence is within any State, District, or Territory, in which there is a Commandery regularly at work, until the consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction is first obtained.

Discipline for Violation of Rule 5.

REGULATION 6. In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to

Knightly discipline, and be required upon demand, to pay over to the Commandery thus defrauded the amount of fees received for such admission. Discipline for violation.

Vow of Office.

REGULATION 7. The officers of every Commandery, Grand and Subordinate, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following obligation, viz: "I, (A. B.) do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America." Vow of Office.

Proxies May Constitute.

REGULATION 8. The Grand Master of this Grand Encampment may issue his proxy to any Knight Templar in regular standing, authorizing him to constitute a Subordinate Commandery which has received a Charter; and any Commandery thus constituted shall be deemed regularly constituted. Proxy to constitute a Commandery.

[It has been the custom under the regulations, for the Grand Master to appoint a present or Past Grand Officer to constitute a Grand Commandery which has received his Warrant.]

SECTION III.—AMENDMENTS.

(1) The Grand Encampment shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present at any stated meeting, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution:— Amendments.

[*Provided*, ONE DAY'S PREVIOUS NOTICE OF SUCH MOTION TO AMEND BE GIVEN, AND A PARTICULAR TIME BE SET TO TAKE THE VOTE THEREON. Previous notice, and time set.

IN ALL OTHER CASES, ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL LAY OVER UNTIL THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, WHEN A CONCURRING VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS SHALL BE NECESSARY TO ADOPT SUCH ALTERATION, AMENDMENT OR REVISION.] Otherwise, to lay over. Amendment September 17, 1859.

SECTION IV.—RULES OF ORDER.

Reading of the Minutes.

Reading of minutes. RULE 1.—After the ceremony of opening the Grand Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to read the minutes of the last Triennial Session, unless such reading be dispensed with; and at the resumption of business in each successive sitting, the minutes of the preceding one shall also be read.

Committee on Credentials.

Committee on Credentials. RULE 2.—A Committee on Credentials, consisting of three Sir Knights, shall be appointed by the Grand Master, to report at the opening of the next sitting.

Reports of Grand Officers.

Report of officers. RULE 3.—After the report of this committee, the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain General, will successively read the reports of their doings during the preceding three years.*

Referred to standing committee. These reports shall be referred to the Standing Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers, who may recommend the apportionment of such parts thereof to special, or to such other of the standing committees, as they may deem necessary.

Standing Committees.

RULE 4.—The Standing Committees shall be:—

- Standing committees. 1. A Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers.
2. A Committee on Finance.
3. A Committee on Dispensations and New Commanderies.
4. A Committee on Unfinished Business.
5. A Committee on Grievances.
6. A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
7. A Committee to designate the place of the next Triennial Meeting.

The report of these committees shall be heard in order,

*The Grand Treasurer, see Art. First, Sec. V. Div. 4, (2), and the Grand Recorder, Div. 5, (3), shall render, &c.

except the last one, which shall report on the last day of the meetings of the Grand Encampment. Order of reports.

New Business.

RULE 5.—While the several committees are preparing their reports, the new business may be acted upon; and if any subject is brought forward requiring a reference to any standing or special committee, it shall be so referred forthwith. New business. Special committees.

All committees shall make it a point to report as soon as convenient after their appointment.

Speak but once.

RULE 6. No Sir Knight shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, except to explain the meaning of some of his remarks, *unless* it be by special permission of the Grand Encampment first obtained. Speak but once.

Electing Officers.

RULE 7.—The Grand Encampment shall proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing three years, immediately after the opening of the first sitting, on Thursday following the commencement of the Triennial Meetings. Elect officers third day.

Exemplification of the Work.

RULE 8.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, at each Triennial Meeting, if time permit, to cause an exemplification of the work appertaining to the Orders of Knighthood to be exhibited before the Grand Encampment; and also, to correct, officially, all irregularities and discrepancies that exist. Grand Master to exemplify the work.

A true and faithful copy of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, with the amendments at the date hereof.

Witness my official signature and the Seal of the Grand Encampment, at Iowa City, this 1st day of May, A. D. 1872, A. O. 754.

ATTEST:

{ SEAL }

THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.

AMENDMENTS

—TO THE—

CONSTITUTION.

1874.

IX. (1.) UNIFORM OF A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

Article First, Section V. Division 1, paragraph second of (1).

That portion of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, which is in these words :

Dress to be uniform. “And that the *Dress*, Work, and Discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere are uniform.”

Be and the same is hereby stricken out, and in lieu thereof the following is inserted:—

Work, etc., to be uniform. “And that the Work and Discipline of Templar Masonry are uniform
Dress to be uniform, unless otherwise or. throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment; and that the Dress is uniform, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Encampment.”

Adopted December 4, 1874.

STATUTE.—“UNIFORM.”

[From the Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, page 28.]

(1.) *Of Knights Templar.*

Uniform of 1862. 1. The Uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862. [See Edict of 1862, page 75, edition of the Constitution of 1871; and page 30 of the Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, 1874.]

And no other. No other uniform is allowed, and no authority other than the Grand Encampment can modify or alter it.

2. *Provided*, however, that all members of Commanderies which now have what is known as the "black uniform," ^{First Excep-} be permitted to wear it while members of said Commanderies, but no other Commandery, nor the members thereof, shall be authorized or permitted hereafter to wear any other than the Regulation prescribed in 1862. ^{tion.}

3. *Provided*, further, that any Commandery in the state where the "black uniform" is worn, may, by permission of its Grand Commandery, adopt and wear such black uniform. ^{Second Ex-}

4. No officer or member can be present in the Grand Encampment, or Grand Commandery, unless in *full* Templar uniform, except by the vote of the Body excusing him. ^{Members to appear in full uniform in all Conclaves.}

(2.) *Of Knights of the Red Cross.*

The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side; Templar cap covered; sword and white gloves; constitute the uniform of a Red Cross Knight. The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes, etc. ^{Uniform of Red Cross.}

Adopted December 4, 1874.

• X. (2.) PAST COMMANDERS MAY BECOME MEMBERS OF ANOTHER GRAND COMMANDERY.

Article Second, Section I. (3.) XXI.

Add to the clause the following:—

"*Provided*, however, that when a Past Commander changes his membership to a Subordinate of a different Grand Commandery, such Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein, to continue as long as he is a member of a Subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction." ^{Past E.C. may be elected to membership in another Grand Commandery.}

Adopted December 4, 1874.

XI. (3). APPEALS.—WHEN ALLOWED.

Article Second, Section IV. (15.)

Add thereto the following:—

"Excepting on questions arising as to the construction of Edicts and Resolutions of the Grand Commandery." ^{Appeals, when allowed.}

Adopted December 4, 1874.

XII. (4.) AMENDMENTS.

Article Fourth, Section III. (1.)

Strike out the proviso or amendment of 1859, following the word "Constitution" in the fourth line, and insert the following :—

Notice shall be given to Gr. Recorder four months, etc. "Provided, however, that any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change of the Constitution, Code of Statutes, or Rituals, shall give notice thereof in writing to the Grand Recorder, at least four months before the day on which the Grand Conclave shall be held at which such subject is to be discussed, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the Summons, otherwise no such motion shall be entertained."

Adopted December 4, 1874.

XIII. (5.) PRINTING THE PROCEEDINGS.

Article Fourth, Section IV, Rule 4.

Add to the list of "Standing Committees :"—

Committee to direct quantity and quality of Printing. "8. A Committee on Printing, consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Recorder, who shall determine, in the absence of a vote of the Grand Encampment, what portion of the Proceedings shall be printed and the style in which it shall be done."

Adopted December 4, 1874.

XIV. (6.) TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE.

Article Fourth, Section IV. Rule 4.—"6."

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Templar Jurisprudence.

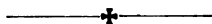
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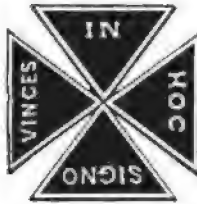
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CODE OF STATUTES

—OF THE—

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, and the Appendant Order of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.—JURISDICTION.

Its jurisdiction shall be within the Territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is rested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the ancient traditions of the Order.

SEC 2. It may therefore make laws, pass resolutions, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar and for good cause, amend and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies

within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

This Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander, elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

A regular conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held annually for the dispatch of business, at the City of Denver, on the second Tuesday in March.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five (\$75) dollars, *Provided*, however, that this shall not apply to petitions heretofore secured by any Commandery under this Grand Commandery.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: for Dispensation ninety (\$90) dollars, and for Charter the further sum of ten (\$10) dollars.

SEC. 3. Each Subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five (\$5) dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the

further sum of one (§1) annually for each member belonging to such Commandery.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular annual conclave.

SEC. 5. The Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery shall be entitled to the sum of five (§5) dollars for each dispensation granted, and the further sum of five (§5) dollars for each charter when issued.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees of three Sir Knights each, viz :—

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

The Grand Commandery shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next annual conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

No amendment or alteration shall be made to these statutes, unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

MEMBERSHIP JURISDICTION,

MARCH 13, 1876.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1,—DENVER, ARAPAHOE
COUNTY.

OFFICERS.

J. M. Strickler, E. C.
R. C. Webster, G.
M. Spangler, C. G.
W. D. Anthony, Pre.
A. J. Bean, S. W.
Wm. D. Todd, J. W.

Peter Winne, Treas.
Geo. M. Howe, Rec.
F. N. Davis, St'd B.
E. W. Cobb, Sw'd B.
R. K. Pierson, War.
T. Linton, Sent.

MEMBERS.

Ashley, E. M.
Allen, Sam'l M.
Byers, Wm. N.
Boone, A. G.
Brown, J. Sidney
Billings, Geo. N.
Bayles, Benj. H.
Clarke, Clarence J.
Cheesman, W. S.
Clough, Henry A.
Church, Frank
Corning, Geo. C.
Christian, Wm. A.
Dailey, John L.
Davidson, F. M.
Deegan, Thomas
Evans, John
Elbert, Sam'l H.

Fisher, Cyrus W.
Freund, Frank W.
Ford, Frank
Gallup, Francis
Gird, C. C.
Griffin, Fred'k F.
Hatten, Rob't L.
Hall, Frank
Hutchins, Sam'l A.
Henry, Oren H.
Howell, Wm. R.
Johnstone, E. W.
Kountze, Chas. B.
Mahar, Con. J.
McCarty, Leander
McLellan, W. W.
McConnell, J. G.
Otis, Oran G.
Olney, Henry C.

Palmer, Frank
Pringle, J. P.
Rogers, B. W.
Roberts, Geo. C.
Robinson, D. A.
Reynolds, J. E.
Sagendorf, Andrew
Sopris, Richard
Sayre, Alfred
Speer, Calvin T.
Vincent, B. T.
Vosburgh, J. J.
Whittemore, O. A.
Wanless, John
Willoughby, E. A.
Wheeler, B. A.
Watkins, L. A.
Wilson, A. D.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2,—CENTRAL,
GILPIN COUNTY.

[*Stated conclave third Thursday in each month.*]

OFFICERS.

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Henry M. Teller, E. C. | Benj. T. Wells, Treas. |
| Harper M. Orahood, G. | Samuel I. Lorah, Rec. |
| Wm. Fullerton, C. G. | Geo. W. Mabee, St'd B. |
| Foster Nichols, Pre. | David C. Collier, Sw'd B. |
| Richard C. Lake, S. W. | John Best, War. |
| Jacob Tallman, J. W. | Geo. A. Pugh, Sent. |

MEMBERS.

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|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Adams, Geo. H. | Joblin, Wm. J. | Parmelee, Ed. C. |
| Butler, Hugh | Johnson, Albert | Rank, John M. |
| Barrett, Geo. W. | Lechner, Geo. W. | Roberts, Daniel |
| Cozens, Wm. Z. | Love, Joseph A. | Sayr Hal. |
| Cornish, Thomas | Mack, Jacob | Stevens, James |
| Criley Wm. W. | Mason, Andrew | Smith, J. Alden |
| France, Matt | Munson, Geo. C. | Van Deren, Archibald J. |
| Haskell, Noah D. | Newcomb, Henry E. | Withrow, Chase |
| Hoyt, Charles A. | Potter, Thomas H. | Watson, Joseph W. |
| Hambel, John R | | Ware, Wm. Wallace. |

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3,—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

OFFICERS.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| I. W. Stanton, E. C. | Chas. Goodnight, Treas. |
| M. H. Fitch, G. | J. G. Morton, Rec. |
| W. A. Elderkin, C. G. | H. C. Thatcher, St'd B. |
| H. M. Morse, Pre. | G. W. Morgan, Sw'd B. |
| J. A. McMurtrie, S. W. | H. N. Banks, War. |
| R. F. Lythe, J. W. | Matt France, Sent. |

MEMBERS.

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|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Blunt, M. A. | Clough, A. | Perkins, G. W. |
| Bartels, J. L. | Crarey, B. F. | Williams, C. H. |
| | McBride, Sam | |

Sir Knights in the Jurisdiction:—

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|----------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| COLORADO, No. 1, | - | - | - | 67 |
| CENTRAL CITY, No. 2, | - | - | - | 41 |
| PUEBLO, No. 3, | - | - | - | 19 |
| TOTAL, | - | - | - | 127 |

REPORT OF Committee on Jurisprudence.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery, of Colorado:—

Your Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, to which were referred the matter of Forms for Blanks, would offer the following, and recommend that the same be adopted, and printed in the annual report.

Courteously submitted,

FRANCIS GALLUP,
A. J. VAN DEREN,
HENRY C. THATCHER,
Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir—, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:—

The undersigned, petitioners, respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at —, and to be known as — Commandery. They have nominated, and do hereby recommend Sir—, to be the first Commander; Sir—, to be the first Generalissimo, and Sir—, to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a Dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery, at —, in the County of —, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the Statutes and

Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the order.

Dated,——.

~~As~~ [The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the order and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$50.]

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

Be it known :—

That on the——day of——, 18——, at a Regular Conclave of——Commandery, No.—, held in the——of——County of——, and——of Colorado, the following named Sir Knights were duly elected and installed officers of the same for the ensuing year, viz :—

Sir Knight ——, E. Commander.

Sir Knight ——, Generalissimo.

Sir Knight ——, Captain General.

In testimony whereof, we, the members of said Commandery, have caused the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed, and our Recorder to sign the same.

—— Recorder.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR PROXY.

To the Grand Commandery of——Colorado :—

This is to Certify, that in consideration of the confidence we repose in the courtesy and magnanimity of our valiant Sir Knight ——, we have nominated and appointed, and by these presents do nominate and appoint, the said Sir Knight ——, to be the proxy for——Commandery, No.—, in the Grand Commandery of the——of Colorado, and then and there to represent us, and to do every act and thing agreeably to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, as fully and completely as the officers of our Commandery could do, were they personally present.

Witness, the hands of our E. Commander, and Recorder, and the seal of Commandery, this ——day of——A. D. 18——, and of the order.

[L. S.]

—— E. Commander.

—— Recorder.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers, and Members of——Commandery, No.—, Knights Templar, stationed at——, Colorado :—

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in——Lodge, No.—,

and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A., in—Chapter, No.—, and that I am desirous of receiving the several orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery, if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months. — —

My Age is ———.

Occupation, ———.

Residence ———.

Dated at ———, Col., ——— A. D. 18—.

We recommend Companion ——— to the favorable consideration of the Commandery, as a worthy Royal Arch Mason. — —
— —

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the forgoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report ———.
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———, Col., ——— A. D. 18—, A. O. 75—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers, and Members of ——— Commandery, No.—, Knights Templar, stationed at ———, Colorado:—

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, and late a member of ——— Commandery, No.—, stationed at ———, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is ———.

Residence ———.

Occupation ———.

———, Col., ——— A. D. 18—, A. O. 75—.

We recommend Sir ——— to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar. — —
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery



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DENVER

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Commandery
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO,



AT ITS SECOND CONCLAVE,

HELD IN DENVER,

March 13th, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759.

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GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

1877.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in annual conclave at Masonic Hall, in Denver, Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Present:—

Sir IRVING WALLACE STANTON, E. G. G., *Presiding*.
Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, *as* E. G. G.
Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, E. G. C. G.
Sir BENJAMIN T. WELLS, *as* E. G. S. W.
Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, E. G. J. W.
Sir WILLIAM D. TODD, E. G. Treas.
Sir Ed. C. PARMELEE, E. G. Rec.
Sir JOHN R. HAMBEL, *as* E. G. Std. Br.
Sir GEORGE C. ROBERTS, *as* E. G. Swd. Br.
Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON, E. G. War.
Sir THOMAS LINTON, E. G. C. of G.

and representatives from all the subordinate Commanderies.

Also present:—

E. Sir ALBERT G. MACKEY,

and other visiting Sir Knights.

The Grand Commandery of Colorado was opened in due form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Sir Knights Strickler, Orahood and Gallup were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who after a time, presented the following report, which was adopted:—

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Credentials would report that they find the following Sir Knights present and entitled to seats and votes :—

Sir IRVING W. STANTON, G. G.
 Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, G. C. G.
 Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, G. J. W.
 Sir WILLIAM D. TODD, G. Treas.
 Sir ED. C. PARMELEE, G. Rec.
 Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON, G. Treas.
 Sir THOMAS LINTON, G. C. of G.
 Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, P. E. C. No. 1.
 Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, E. C. No. 1.
 Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, E. C. No. 2.
 Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON, G. No. 2.
 Sir BENJAMIN T. WELLS, C. G. No. 2.
 Sir IRVING W. STANTON, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G. No. 3.

Courteously submitted,

JAMES M. STRICKLER,
 HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
 FRANCIS GALLUP.

Committee.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees :—

On Finance :—

Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER.
 Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD.
 Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON.

On Returns and Work :—

Sir ED. C. PARMELEE.
 Sir FRANCIS GALLUP.
 Sir BENJAMIN T. WELLS.

On Petitions, Grievances, and Appeals :—

Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON.
 Sir WILLIAM D. TODD.
 Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD.

On Printing and Miscellaneous Business :—

Sir ED. C. PARMELEE.
 Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD.
 Sir WILLIAM D. TODD.

The following reports were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance :—

GRAND COMMANDERY.

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REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

WILLIAM D. TODD, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

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| April 6, 1876. | To cash of Grand Recorder, | \$ 47 50 |
| July 18, " | " " " " | 175 00 |
| Dec. 23, " | " " " " | 112 50 |
| Mar. 9, 1877. | " " " " | 104 00 |
| " 13, " | " " " " | 40 86 |
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| | | \$479 86 |

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| April 3, 1876. | By paid warrant, No. 1, | \$ 15 00 |
| " 21, " | " No. 2, | 30 00 |
| May 19, " | " No. 3, | 27 20 |
| June 15, " | " No. 4, | 188 00 |
| July 12, " | " No. 5, | 6 45 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$266 65 |
| March 13, 1877. | To cash balance, | 213 21 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$479 86 |

The foregoing is a full, true and correct report of my accounts as appears by my books from my election to date.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM D. TODD,

DENVER, Col., *March 13, 1877.*

Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

I herewith submit my official report.

Immediately after the close of our first annual conclave, a circular letter, setting forth the fact of our organization, a list of our officers, and asking recognition, was issued, and sent to State Grand Commanderies, prominent Masons, and the Masonic press.

Five hundred copies of the proceedings of our convention and first conclave were published and distributed, as is usual. The proceedings of other Grand Commanderies received in exchange, have been forwarded to the chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

I have drawn warrants on Sir Knight our Grand Treasurer, to amount of \$266.65. My vouchers are herewith submitted.

There is no provision in our statutes requiring the different Commanderies to make returns to this Grand Commandery. I prepared forms for returns and sent to the several Commanderies, and in pursuance of an order issued by the acting Grand Commander, they have made returns of work and membership for the year ending February 28, 1877.

These returns show,

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| Number of members last year, | 127 |
| Created, | 10 |
| Affiliated, | 2 |
| Error last year, | 1 |
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| Total, | 140 |
| Dimitted, | 1 |
| Expelled, | 1 |
| Error last year, | 2 |
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Present membership, 136

I would suggest the propriety of requiring the Recorder of the several Commanderies to furnish the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder with the names of the Eminent Commanders and Recorders of their Commanderies. It is sometimes convenient for them to know the names of those officers.

I have received several letters asking that I suggest the name of some suitable Sir Knight for appointment as Grand Representative, near our Grand Commandery. As this Grand Commandery had not taken action on the Grand Representative question, and the Grand Commander not feeling at liberty to order commissions in exchange, I so informed the parties.

I have been notified of the appointment of Sir Knight Teller as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, near the Grand Commandery of Colorado.

April 30th, 1876, I received the following invitation :

PHILADELPHIA COMMANDERY, NO. 2, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
and appendant orders stationed at Philadelphia.
Commemorative, Phila., April 14, 1876.

R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of R. E. G. C. of Col.:
Fraters :

On behalf of Philadelphia Commandery No. 2, K.T. we the undersigned extend to you cordial greeting, and ask that you partake of their hospitalities at their headquarters, Horticultural Hall, South Broad Street, above Spruce, during the Templar Union, to be holden in this the Centennial City, from May 30th to June 2d, 1876.

Yours, in the bonds of Christian Knighthood,

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,

Chairman Com. Ways & Means.

FRANKLIN C. GARRIGUES, Eminent Commander.

Attest: WM. F. McCULLY, Sec'y Com. Ways and Means.

I at once informed the Commanderies and principal officers of the invitation.

February 20th, 1877, I received an invitation for the principal officers of this Grand Commandery to attend a conclave of Apollo Commandery No. 1, Chicago, Ills., on March 13th, 1877.

It being this, the day of our annual conclave, will probably prevent Colorado being represented.

My financial report is as follows :

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| April 7, 1876. | Received of No. 3, assessment, . . . | \$47 50 |
| June 22, " | " No. 1, " . . . | 175 00 |
| Dec. 21, " | " No. 2, " . . . | 112 50 |
| Mch. 3, 1877. | " No. 1, dues | 104 00 |
| " 6, " | " No. 2, " | 45 00 |
| " 8, " | " No. 3, " | 37 00 |

Total to account for, \$521 00

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|----------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| April 7, 1876. | Paid Grand Treasurer, | \$47 50 |
| June 22, " | " " | 175 00 |
| Dec. 21, " | " " | 112 50 |
| " | " Postage, | 20 99 |
| " | " Express and freight, | 7 40 |
| " | " Stationery, | 12 75 |
| Mch. 3, 1877. | " Grand Treasurer, | 104 00 |
| " 13, " | " " | 40 86 |

Total paid out, \$521 00

Courteously submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,

Grand Recorder.

Sir Strickler presented the following :—

REPORT ON TACTICS AND DRILL.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado :

The undersigned Committee, appointed at our last conclave, on Tactics and Drill, submit the following report :

That that they have examined several of the different manuals in use in the United States, and are of the opinion that "Garfield's Tactics and Drill" is better adapted to the Commanderies of this jurisdiction than any other that can be obtained now, and recommend that it be adopted without revision for the use and government of the subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.

JAMES M. STRICKLER,

WILLIAM FULLERTON.

Committee.

Which was, on motion, adopted.

Sir Strickler offered the following :—

AMENDMENT TO STATUTES.

Resolved, That section three of article six, in code of statutes, be amended by substituting in third line the sum of "three" instead of "five," and in the fifth line the sum of "fifty cents" instead of "one dollar."

Which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Grand Commandery adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment at three o'clock, P. M.

Officers and members present, as at morning session.

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported Sir David J. Cook, C. G. of Colorado Commandery, No. 1, present and entitled to a seat and vote.

Report received and adopted.

D. G. COMMANDER

V. E. Sir Webster D. Anthony,* D. G. C., entered, assumed the East, and delivered the following:—

ADDRESS.

Sir Knights :

In the absence of our Grand Commander R. E. Henry M. Teller, it becomes my duty to preside over your deliberations, and to discharge the duties of Grand Commander.

I am not apprised whether Sir Teller has or will at this time submit a report of his official doings during the past year. You are all aware of his lately having been called to a seat in our National Council, as a Senator of the United States, and it is but fair to presume that his labors in that field have so engrossed his time as to prevent his being here at this time in person, and present for your consideration such suggestions as would enable you to legislate to the better interests of our order in the future.

My own time has been so constantly occupied of late as to make it impossible to devote that attention to my duties to you, as would assist you in this matter.

During the absence of your Grand Commander, I have been called upon to perform but two official acts, viz :

On the eighteenth day of December last, having been informed that there was no P. E. C. present in Central City Commandery No. 2, I issued a special dispensation delegating power to Sir David C. Collier of said Commandery to duly install the Eminent Commander elect of that Commandery. This dispensation having been properly returned, I find that the order therein

*Sir Anthony's duties as Speaker of the House of Representatives of Colorado, now in session, prevented his attendance at the morning session.—GR. REC.

was duly executed, and that Sir Harper M. Orahood was installed as such E. C.

Your Grand Recorder having called my attention to the fact that our statutes did not require returns from subordinate Commanderies to be submitted, and deeming it proper and for the interest of the order that such returns should be sent to the Recorder in time to enable him to properly arrange them for this session, I issued and sent to each Commandery in the jurisdiction, General Order, No. 1, requesting and ordering returns to be made and sent, showing the work of each Commandery, a full list of all the officers and members thereof, etc., for the year ending February 28th, 1877. This I believe has been complied with. I would suggest that our statutes be so amended as to require these returns, and that the Recorder be required to prepare and furnish suitable blanks for this purpose.

And now, Sir Knights, in the ever-changing drama of human life, we are permitted once more to assemble in our sacred asylum in annual conclave. While many have been called to participate of that bitter cup of death, we are still preserved, while so many have passed from our earthly sight to realms of paradise? We are reminded more forcibly of our duty to our order, to ourselves, to our fellow Knights, and above all are we reminded of our duty to Him who we are taught is the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. Let us then each and all renew our obligations as Sir Knights and most fervently call upon our "Father, who art in Heaven," for those blessings and comforts which are so bountifully bestowed upon the *true* Knight Templar.

Sir Knights, as I welcome you to our city and our asylum, my wish is that your labors here may be crowned with entire success, and redound to the honor and welfare of our beloved order.

W. D. ANTHONY.

APOLLO COMMANDERY, No. 1.

An invitation from Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago, Ills., for the Grand Council to attend a conclave of said Commandery, at half past four o'clock, P. M., of this day, was read, and on motion, the Grand Recorder was ordered to send the following answer by telegraph:—

NORMAN T. GASSETTE, Apollo Commandery,
72 Monroe Street, Chicago, Ills.

The Grand Commandery of Colorado in grand conclave, send courteous greetings to Apollo Commandery, No. 1.

STATUTES AMENDED.

The Finance Committee presented the following report, which was adopted unanimously.—

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Sir Knight Strickler to amend section three, article six, of code of statutes, respectfully

report that upon examination and consideration they believe that the amount that will be realized by the reduced dues, will be enough under an economical management of our finances, to meet the expenses of the current year, and would recommend the adoption of the resolution.

JAMES M. STRICKLER,
HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
WILLIAM FULLERTON.

Committee.

By an unanimous vote, section three, article six, of the statutes, was further amended by adding to end of said article the following:—

Every subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns, a list of officers and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each annual conclave.

On motion of Sir William D. Todd, article five, of code of statutes, was amended by striking out the words "second Tuesday in March," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Friday succeeding the third Tuesday in September."

Afterwards, on motion of Sir H. M. Orahood, it was unanimously voted that article five be repealed, and the following be adopted in lieu thereof:—

A regular conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September, 1878, at the city of Denver, for the dispatch of business, and annually thereafter on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee, to which were referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, respectfully report that they have carefully performed the duty assigned them, and find the same correct.

JAMES M. STRICKLER,
HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
WILLIAM FULLERTON.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS AND WORK.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Returns and Work report that they have examined the returns of Commanderies Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and that they find the same correct, with the exception that Central City Commandery, No. 2, reports two

names dropped from the roll, said Sir Knights being members of other Commanderies, which we think is assuming power that said Commandery does not possess.

We would recommend that said Commandery be authorized to drop from their rolls the names of Matt France and Andrew Mason; the former being a charter member of Pueblo Commandery, No. 3, and the latter a member of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago, Ills., who signed the petition for a dispensation for said Commandery, but left the jurisdiction many years ago, and claims that he never became a member under charter.

Courteously submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,
FRANCIS GALLUP,
B. T. WELLS.

Committee.

SALARIES PAID.

On motion of Sir J. M. Strickler, a warrant for eight dollars was ordered drawn in favor of Sir Thomas Linton, Grand Sentinel; and one for twenty-five dollars in favor of Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

On motion of Sir I. W. Stanton, the annual election was held, Sirs Orahood and Todd acting as tellers.

The result of the ballots, were the election of:—

Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, G. C.
Sir IRVING W. STANTON, D. G. C.
Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, G. G.
Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, G. C. G.
Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, G. Pre.
Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH, G. S. W.
Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON, G. J. W.
Sir WILLIAM D. TODD, G. Treas.
Sir ED. C. PARMELEE, G. Rec.

On motion, the Grand Commandery adjourned until half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Evening Session.

Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Officers and members as at afternoon session.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander elect announced the following appointments :—

Sir JOHN A. MCMURTRIE, G. Std. B.

Sir SAMUEL I. LORAH, G. Swd. B.

Sir GEORGE C. ROBERTS, G. War.

Sir THOMAS LINTON, G. C. of G.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Commander, assisted by Sir Ralph C. Webster, then installed the Sir Knights who had been elected and appointed to the offices of D. G. C., G. G., G. C. G., G. Pre., G. J. W., G. Treas., G. Rec., G. Swd. B., G. War. and G. C. of G.

On motion, Sir I. W. Stanton, D. G. C., was authorized to install Sir M. H. Fitch as G. S. W., and Sir J. A. McMurtrie as G. Std. B. in Pueblo Commandery, No. 3, at as early day as may be convenient, and to report his action to the Grand Recorder.

THANKS.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery returns thanks to Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, for their courteous invitation to attend a re-union at Philadelphia, May 30th to June 2d, 1876, during the Centennial, and regrets that it was not in its power to accept as a body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to Colorado Commandery, No. 1, for the free use of their asylum, and to the Sir Knights of Denver for the many courtesies shown the officers and members of this Grand Commandery.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

On motion of Sir I. W. Stanton, it was ordered that the Report on Correspondence be published with the proceedings.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The following Standing Committees were announced :—
On Templar Jurisprudence :—

Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER.

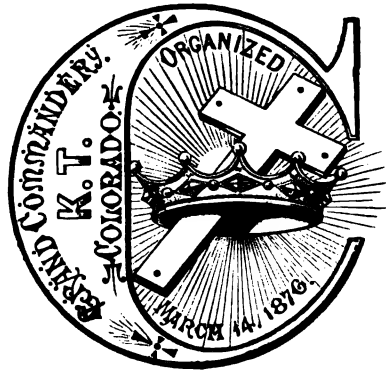
Sir HENRY C. THATCHER.

Sir FOSTER NICHOLS.

On Foreign Correspondence:—

Sir ED. C. PARMELEE.
Sir GEORGE W. MORGAN.
Sir OREN H. HENRY.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Colorado was closed in solemn and Knightly form, to meet in Denver on Friday after the third Tuesday of September, A. D. 1878, at ten o'clock, A. M.



WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,
Grand Commander.

[Attest:]

ED. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Recorder.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

March 1st, 1877.

COLORADO COMMANDERY, No. 1.—DENVER, ARAPAHOE
COUNTY.

[Stated Conclaves, first and third Tuesdays in each Month.]

OFFICERS.

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| J. M. Strickler, E. C. | Peter Winne, Treas. |
| M. Spangler, G. | O. A. Whittemore, Rec. |
| D. J. Cook, C. G. | F. N. Davis, Std. B. |
| P. Voorhees Finch, Pre. | E. W. Johnstone, Swd. B. |
| George C. Roberts, S. W. | R. K. Pierson, W. |
| Frank Church, J. W. | Thomas Linton, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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| Anthony, W. D. | Elbert, Samuel H. | Olney, Henry C. |
| Ashley, Eli M. | Fisher, Cyrus W. | Palmer, Frank |
| Allen, Samuel M. | Freund, Frank W. | Pringle, J. P. |
| Austin, S. D. | Ford, Frank | Rogers, B. W. |
| Allen, Henry E. | Gallup, Francis | Robinson, D. A. |
| Byers, W. N. | Gird, C. C. | Reynolds, J. E. |
| Boone, A. G. | Griffin, Frederick F. | Sagendorf, A. |
| Browne, J. Sidney | Hatten, Robert L. | Sopris, R. |
| Billings, George N. | Hall, Frank | Sayre, Alfred |
| Bayles, Benj. H. | Hutchins, Samuel A. | Speer, Calvin T. |
| Bean, A. J. | Henry, Oren H. | Todd, W. D. |
| Clarke, Clarence J. | Howell, William R. | Vincent, B. F. |
| Cheesman, Walter S. | Kountze, Charles B. | Vosburg, J. J. |
| Clough, Henry A. | Kavanaugh, R. F. | Wanless, John |
| Cobb, E. W. | Mahar, Con. J. | Webster, R. C. |
| Corning, George C. | McCarty, Leander | Willoughby, E. A. |
| Christian, William A. | McLellan, W. W. | Wheeler, B. A. |
| Dailey, John L. | McConnell, J. G. | Watkins, L. A. |
| Danielson, Frank M. | Maxwell, J. P. | Wilson, A. D. |
| Dugan, Thomas | McCarty, A. J. | Woodbury, R. W. |
| Evans, John | Otis, Oran G. | |

DIMITTED.

Howe, George M.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY, No. 2.—CENTRAL, GILPIN COUNTY.

[Stated Conclave, third Thursday in each Month.]

OFFICERS.

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| Harper M. Orahoad, E. C. | Ed. C. Parmelee, Treas. |
| William Fullerton, G. | Samuel I. Lorah, Rec. |
| Benjamin T. Wells, C. G. | John M. Rank, Std. B. |
| David C. Collier, Pre. | William W. Criley, Swd. B. |
| Thomas H. Potter, S. W. | John Best, W. |
| Richard C. Lake, J. W. | George A. Pugh, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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| Adams, George H. | Joblin, William J. | Sayr, Hal. |
| Butler, Hugh | Johnson, Albert | Stevens, James |
| Barrett, George W. | Lechner, George W. | Smith, J. Alden |
| Bates, Walter | Love, Joseph A. | Teller, Henry M. |
| Cozens, William Z. | Mack, Jacob | Tallman, Jacob |
| Cornish, Thomas | Mabee, George W. | VanDeren, Arch. J. |
| Hoyt, Charles A. | Munson, George C. | Withrow, Chase |
| Haskell, Noah D. | Newcomb, Henry E. | Watson, Joseph W. |
| Hambel, John R. | Nichols, Foster | Ware, William W. |
| | Roberts, Daniel | |

PUEBLO COMMANDERY, No. 3.—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[Stated Conclave, first Saturday in each Month.]

OFFICERS.

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| Irving W. Stanton, E. C. | C. Goodright, Treas. |
| M. H. Fitch, G. | Horace N. Banks, Rec. |
| George M. Chilcott, C. G. | George W. Morgan, Std. B. |
| John J. Thomas, Pre. | George W. Perkins, Swd. B. |
| J. A. McMurtrie, S. W. | J. G. Morton, W. |
| Robert F. Lytle, J. W. | G. H. Hard, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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| Bartels, J. L. | Crarey, B. F. | Morse, H. M. |
| Blunt, M. A. | Elderkin, W. A. | Thatcher, H. C. |
| Clough, A. | France, Matt. | Williams, C. H. |
| | Grant, A. A. | |

EXPELLED.

McBride, Samuel

SUMMARY.

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| Created, | 10 |
| Admitted, | 2 |
| Dimitted, | 1 |
| Expelled, | 1 |
| Members, | 136 |



Appendix.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Until an hour before the time of meeting of the Grand Commandery, I did not know that Sir Knight Byers, chairman of this Committee, had left the state for a sojourn in Florida, and that a Report on Correspondence had not been prepared. I had supposed that we would start with a good report; now I know that we start with a poor one. It will be short; that will be its only merit. I have not the time to prepare a report and have our proceedings printed and distributed within a reasonable time.

The proceedings of the following Grand Bodies have been received, and glanced at. As will be seen, the Grand Commandery of Colorado has been received with knightly greetings by our sister Grand Commanderies.

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| Alabama, | 1876 | Michigan, | 1875 |
| Arkansas, | 1876 | Minnesota | 1875-6 |
| Canada, | 1876 | Mississippi, | 1876 |
| Connecticut, | 1876 | Missouri, | 1876 |
| Georgia | 1876 | New Hampshire, | 1875 |
| Illinois, | 1875-6 | New Jersey, | 1876 |
| Indiana, | 1876 | New York | 1876 |
| Iowa, | 1876 | Ohio, | 1876 |
| Kansas, | 1876 | Pennsylvania, | 1876 |
| Kentucky, | 1876 | Tennessee | 1876 |
| Louisiana, | 1876 | Texas, | 1876 |
| Maine, | 1876 | Wisconsin | 1876 |
| Maryland, | 1876 | Total, | 25 |

Kansas, Maryland and Wisconsin having furnished us with full files of their proceedings.

ALABAMA, 1876.

Sixteenth annual conclave, held at Montgomery, May seventeenth.

Sir William S. Foster, G. G. *as* G. Commander.

Eight Commanderies represented. Nine on roll, with a membership of two hundred and thirty-six.

The Grand Commander's address was read by the Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder presented the Report on Correspondence. It is a short review of twenty-seven Grand Bodies.

Colorado not mentioned.

OFFICERS.

Sir JOHN G. SMITH, Eufaula, Gr. Commander.

Sir DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery, Gr. Rec. (re-elected.)

ARKANSAS, 1876.

Fifth annual conclave, held at Little Rock, October fourth.

Sir Elias R. DuVal, G. Commander.

Three Commanderies represented. Four in the state, with a membership of one hundred and sixteen.

Eleven printed pages contains the the proceedings and list of membership.

No Report on Correspondence.

OFFICERS.

Sir ELBERT H. ENGLISH, Little Rock, Gr. Commander.

Sir JOHN W. RISON, Little Rock, Gr. Rec. (re-elected.)

CANADA, 1876.

The annual assembly of the former Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, under the banner of the Great Priory of England and Wales, was held in Montreal, for the purpose of inaugurating a National Great Priory for the Dominion, August tenth.

E. G. Prior, William J. B. MacLeod Moore, on the throne.

The National Great Priory of Canada was organized in solemn form.

The patents for the creating Canada a National Great Priory, appointing Sir Moore Great Prior, and commission to install the Great Prior, are published with the proceedings.

Sir George H. F. Dartwell presented a Report on Correspondence, reviewing fifteen Grand Bodies, Colorado not among the number. I know that three copies were mailed to them, and to every other Grand Commandery.

OFFICERS.

Sir W. J. B. M. MOORE, La Prairie, Great Prior.

Sir DANIEL SPRY, Toronto, Gr. Chancellor.

CONNECTICUT, 1876.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars (I think Knights Templars is correct, and Knights Templar wrong) met March twenty-first, at New Haven.

Sir John G. Root, G. Commander.

Ten (all) Commanderies represented.

The lowest membership is in No. 10, which has fifty-one members. The average membership is one hundred and thirty-two.

The Grand Recorder, Sir John W. Stedman, notices twenty-eight Grand Bodies in his seven page review, Colorado receiving her full share of space. He says "The (our) proceedings indicate a vigorous existence of this young body."

OFFICERS.

Sir HENRY WOODWARD, Middletown, Gr. Commander.

Sir JOHN W. STEDMAN, Norwich, Gr. Rec.

to whom we return thanks for bound volume of proceedings 1827 to 1869.

GEORGIA, 1876.

Fifteenth annual held in Macon, May third.

Sir George T. Anderson, G. Commander.

Eight (all) Commanderies represented.

A communication announcing the organization of a Grand Commandery for Colorado was read, whereupon on motion of R. E. Sir George S. Obear, P. G. C., it was :—

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery most kindly and fraternally welcome the Grand Commandery of Colorado to the brotherhood of Grand Commanderies, and extend a cordial and knightly greeting from the Grand Commandery for Georgia.

The lines of subordinate Commanderies were formed, marched to Masonic Hall, and received the Grand Commandery; thence to the Methodist Church, where E. Sir William D. Luckie delivered an able address.

OFFICERS.

Sir THOMAS HARDEMAN, Jr., Macon, Gr. Commander.

Sir CHARLES R. ARMSTRONG, Macon, Gr. Rec.

ILLINOIS, 1875.

Nineteenth annual, held at Chicago, October twenty-sixth.

Sir Hiram W. Hubbard, G. Commander.

Forty-three Commanderies represented.

We quote the following decisions :—

1. When charges are preferred against a Sir Knight, a committee may be appointed to inquire into the same and report their findings to the Commandery. If the charges are received, a committee may be appointed to take evidence, which evidence must be submitted to the Commandery, and there decided whether guilty or not guilty.

2. A council of Knights of the Red Cross may O. B. more than one candidate at the same time; but from investing with G. S. each must go separate up to the banquet.

3. An objection to the conferring of the Orders on a candidate who has been elected, serves the same as rejection. The candidate must petition again. This he can do at the expiration of six months, under the statutes of the Grand Encampment.

In this decision I am sustained by the Most Eminent Grand Master.

4. A by-law cannot be legally adopted requiring a Sir Knight who has

objected to the conferring of the Orders or advancement of a candidate, to disclose his objection.

5. A Sir Knight in good standing, who has paid his dues, is entitled to a dimit, without setting forth any reason for doing so; *provided*, a majority of the members present vote in favor thereof. [See page 11 of G. E. Digest.]

Page eleven of G. E. Digest, says :—

A member of a Commandery may receive a dimit without a vote of the Commandery, at a stated conclave, upon request made in open Commandery; *provided*, his dues shall have been paid, and no charges are pending against him.

The Report on Correspondence, by Sir James H. Miles, is an interesting history of thirty-two Grand Bodies; his selections are made with care, and his comments scarce.

1876.

Sir Theodore T. Gurney, G. Commander.

Forty-seven Commanderies represented.

Decisions :—

When an objecting Sir Knight discloses to a Commander reasons for his objection to conferring the order of the Temple upon a Red Cross Knight, such Commander is to be the judge of the validity of such objection; and if it is deemed by him insufficient, the order may be conferred.

A memorial was received from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, asking that the Grand Commandery make a regulation which shall provide that the orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon any one who has not previously received the degrees conferred in the Council.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the decision of the Grand Commander "as not in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the Grand Encampment," and recommended that their representative in the Grand Encampment use all reasonable efforts at the next session of that Grand Body, to make the Cryptic degrees a pre-requisite to the orders of Knighthood.

Sir J. H. Miles' Report on Correspondence reviews thirty-two Grand Bodies. Colorado receives favorable notice and a hearty welcome.

OFFICERS.

Sir P. W. BARCLAY, Cairo, Gr. Commander.

Sir JAMES H. MILES, Chicago, Gr. Rec.

INDIANA, 1876.

Twenty-second annual, held at Indianapolis, April twenty-fifth.

Sir Nicholas R. Ruckle, G. Commander.

Each of the twenty-five Commanderies represented.

Twenty-three special dispensations granted; seventeen of them were permits to appear in public.

No decisions reported.

The Grand Commander notices the formation of our Grand Commandery. The Committee to whom the matter was referred reported :—

That we hail with great satisfaction the addition of this our sister Grand Body, cordially welcome her to a place upon our tableaux, and an exchange of fraternal courtesies.

Which was concurred in.

P. G. C. Sir Charles Cruft presented the Report on Correspondence, reviewing twenty-eight Grand Bodies. Our proceedings had not reached them.

OFFICERS.

Sir ERVILLE B. BISHOP, Muncie, Gr. Commander.

Sir JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Indianapolis, Gr. Rec.

IOWA, 1876.

Thirteenth annual, held at Des Moines, October fifth.

Sir Ozias P. Waters, G. Commander.

Twenty-four of the twenty-eight Commanderies represented.

Sir Waters does not think that the Grand Commandery can, by resolution or argument, abrogate the statutes of that Grand Body, which I think is sound law.

The forty mile law was repealed.

The address of the Grand Recorder of Colorado is given as St. Johns, N. B.

Sir T. R. Ercanbrack presented a review of twenty Grand Commanderies. Of us he says :—

All of the official documents are printed in a very pretty pamphlet.

Of the Grand Master's proposition to give our Grand officers elect a centennial installation, he says :—

But as he had otherwise provided, the Colorado fraters took advantage of the otherwise, and accepted a more modest inauguration.

These fraters in the mountains adopted the prettiest seal in use in the United States.

Correct, Sir Knight.

Sir Knights of Colorado, we greet you most heartily. May your Grand Commandery be a bright and shining light to all the earth.

OFFICERS.

Sir JOHN C. PARISH, Des Moines, Gr. Commander.

Sir WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE, Muscatine, Gr. Rec.

KANSAS, 1876.

Eighth annual, held at Atchison, May twenty-fourth.

Sir John A. Philbrick, G. Commander.

Seven of the eight Commanderies represented.

The only decision reported, was approved by the Grand Commandery :—

That the suspension of a Royal Arch Mason from a Chapter, for non-payment of dues in said Chapter, did not vacate any office a Royal Arch Mason might hold in a Commandery of Knights Templar, but simply prevented him from performing the duties of such office while under such suspension.

The following were adopted :—

Resolved, That the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction be invited to join the officers of this Grand Commandery in an excursion to the Rocky Mountains during the coming summer.

Resolved, That we extend a fraternal and courteous invitation to the Sir Knights resident in the Missouri Valley, to join us in said pilgrimage.

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Colorado be requested to grant the Sir Knights of Kansas and Missouri permission to visit their territory, and that they also be invited to join us in our proposed Encampment.

A Committee was appointed to secure transportation, etc.

Why did you not come ?

Grand Recorder, Sir E. T. Carr, offered the following, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Kansas extends knightly greetings to the newly organized Grand Commandery of Colorado, and welcomes it as a peer among our number.

Sir E. T. Carr presented the Report on Correspondence. Colorado receives courteous notice. He says:—

The beautiful seal of the Grand Commandery was designed by Sir Knight Elderkin. We congratulate the Sir Knight on his success, and as he was one of our family of Sir Knights, we almost feel like saying "hip, hip, hurrah!" Well, the seal is a beauty, any how.

Their proceedings are a beauty, and all their doings reflect credit upon the young Grand Commandery. We will give them our hearty support.

OFFICERS.

Sir SILAS E. SHELDON, Topeka, Gr. Commander.

Sir WYLLYS C. RANSOM, Lawrence, Gr. Rec.

I here return the thanks of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, for full files of proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

KENTUCKY, 1876.

Twenty-ninth annual, held at Georgetown, May tenth.

Sir Hiram Bassett, G. Commander.

Seventeen (all) Commanderies represented.

From the decisions, we quote:—

2. Can a Commandery suspend a member for non-payment of dues, for failing to do so at a given time, the member having been notified that such action would be taken, the Commandery having no by-law to that effect?

Answer.—No; it can only be done after citation, and a regular trial upon charges. A by-law authorizing contrary action is of doubtful validity.

3. The objection, by a member of a Commandery in good standing, to conferring the Orders after a clear ballot electing the applicant, is valid, and is bound to be respected.

A "Code of Trial on Charges," is published with the proceedings.

Official notification of the organization of the Grand Commandery of Colorado was presented, and referred to a Special Committee, who presented the following resolution, which was concurred in:—

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Kentucky receive with pleasure and gratification the intelligence of the organization of the R. E. Grand

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Commandery of Colorado, and heartily welcome that body to the sisterhood of Grand Commanderies, and entertain the hope that much material prosperity may result therefrom to our illustrious and magnanimous order.

P. G. C. Sir Charles R. Woodruff presented the Report on Correspondence.

Colorado is noticed by publishing our circular letter in full.

OFFICERS.

Sir SAMUEL S. PARKER, Louisville, Gr. Commander.

Sir L. D. CRONINGER, Covington, Gr. Rec.

LOUISIANA, 1876.

The thirteenth annual was held in New Orleans, February eighteenth.

Sir Joseph H. DeGrange, G. Commander.

Four Commanderies represented.

He reports the Camp, held at Mississippi City, June twenty-fifth to twenty-ninth, inclusive, a success in all particulars.

Sir William R. Whitaker presented the Report on Correspondence.

OFFICERS.

Sir BERRY RUSSELL, New Orleans, Gr. Commander.

Sir E. E. ADAMS, New Orleans, Gr. Rec.

MAINE, 1876.

The twenty-fifth annual was held at Portland, May third.

Sir Seth C. Gordon, G. Commander.

Twelve Commanderies represented.

But one decision reported :—

If a Sir Knight is made an Honorary Member of his own Commandery, and voluntarily withdraws from said Commandery to become a charter member of a new Commandery, organized within the jurisdiction of his own Commandery, he does not retain his Honorary Membership.

Sirs Stephen Berry, David Bugbee and Horatio A. Duncan presented an excellent Report on Correspondence.

They also offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Maine with pleasure welcomes the Grand Commandery of Colorado to the family circle, and that she will help cherish her little sister, and to build her about with walls of silver and boards of cedar until she be grown.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be directed to supply the Grand Commandery of Colorado with as complete a file of our proceedings as can be obtained, and with an impression of the seal of this Grand Commandery.

OFFICERS.

Sir SETH C. GORDON, Portland, Gr. Commander.

Sir IRA BERRY, Portland, Gr. Rec.

MARYLAND, 1876.

Sixth annual conclave, held in Baltimore, May tenth.

Sir William Tell Andreon, G. Commander.

Four Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander decided :—

That a subordinate Commandery could not be permitted to obtain from the court an act of incorporation, for the reason that being an incorporated body, they would have a legal existence independent of and beyond the control of the Grand Commandery.

He gives an interesting account of the public installation of the officers of the several Commanderies of that jurisdiction, April seventeenth, in the Main Hall of the Asylum.

Among the visiting Sir Knights, were the Mayor of the City, Grand Commander of Virginia, Past Grand Commanders of Indiana and Minnesota, Grand Master and Grand Captain General of the United States, and from eight hundred to one thousand invited guests.

On motion of Sir F. J. S. Gorgas, it was :—

Resolved, That knightly and fraternal greetings be extended to the Grand Commandery of Colorado.

Sir Gorgas presented the Report on Correspondence. He says it is his first report; he writes like one used to the business.

He gives our circular letter in full, and says :—

We are pleased to welcome the youngest Grand Body of the Order in the United States, and extend to her our best wishes for a prosperous and everlasting career, looking forward with pleasure to the time when we shall be able to peruse the printed proceedings of her annual conclaves; and although the energetic representatives of her subordinate Commanderies did not succeed in having the next triennial session of the Grand Encampment of the United States held within her jurisdiction, yet we trust the day is not far distant when Denver may be able to welcome and to entertain the General Grand Body.

OFFICERS.

Sir ROBERT K. MARTIN, Baltimore, Gr. Commander.

Sir CHARLES T. SISCO, Baltimore, Gr. Rec.

Sir Sisco will please accept the thanks of the Sir Knights of Colorado for full files of proceedings.

MICHIGAN, 1875.

Nineteenth annual, held at Kalamazoo, June first.

Sir L. H. RANDALL, G. Commander.

Thirty Commanderies (all) represented.

The Grand Commander thinks they have subordinates enough, and urges the raising the annual dues to one dollar.

The Report on Correspondence (Sir William P. Innes) reviews twenty-eight Grand Commanderies.

OFFICERS.

Sir S. S. MATHEWS, Pontiac, Gr. Commander.

Sir WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Rapids, Gr. Rec.

MINNESOTA, 1875.

Tenth annual, held at St. Paul, June twenty-fourth.

Sir BENTON H. LANGLEY, G. Commander.

He submitted the following decisions:—

Question.—Is a Sir Knight suspended from the Commandery, by being suspended in the Chapter or Lodge for willful neglect in paying his dues?

Answer.—Yes; provided the suspension is legal in the Lodge or Chapter. The suspension must be actual, viz: The Brother or Companion must be guilty of willful neglect in payment of his dues. There must be charges preferred against him in due form. He must be tried and found guilty of unmasonic conduct, and be formally pronounced suspended. The same

course must be pursued to make a suspension for willful neglect in payment of dues in the Commandery valid. Actual suspension in a Lodge or Chapter is Masonic death in the Commandery.

In such cases, there should always appear upon the records the reasons for such suspension.

Question.—Have we the right to reject an application for a dimit, either by order of the Eminent Commander or by a vote of the Commandery?

Answer.—No; provided the Sir Knight is clear of the books, and is in good and regular standing, having no charges against him.

Question.—If you decide we have not the right to refuse a dimit, are we required to give the Sir Knight the full recommendation as contemplated in most printed forms of dimits?

Answer.—No; you are only obliged to give the facts, viz:—

Asylum Commandery, No. . .

Sir Knight B., having paid all dues and assessments to date, is, at his request, discharged from membership by vote of the Commandery.

[Seal.] E. C. C.

Attest : Rec.

Question.—If the application must be granted, can we consistently postpone action until the Sir Knight restores his Lodge or Chapter membership, leaving the time discretionary with him to effect his reinstatement in that body?

Answer.—No; you have no right to wait, but should promptly grant the discharge for the good of your Commandery.

I would recommend in this connection, that in future, if anything should occur in the matter of willful non-payment of dues, charges be preferred in regular form. The Commandery should be the only judge whether or not their non-payment is willful neglect, and consequently unmasonic conduct, punishable by suspension.

For reasons that we will not try to explain, the volume contains little besides the address of the G. Commander.

1876.

Eleventh annual, held in St. Paul, June twenty-sixth.

Sir B. H. Langley, G. Commander.

Representatives from all but one subordinate.

No decisions reported.

The Grand Commander accepted the resignation of Sir E. D. B. Porter as Grand Recorder, and appointed Sir A. T. C. Pierson in his stead.

Sir Knight Pierson presented a Report on Correspondence of twenty-eight pages, noticing twenty Grand Bodies.

The only notice Colorado gets is in the list of Grand Commanderies.

OFFICERS.

Sir DELOS R. MONTFORT, St. Paul, Gr. Commander.

Sir A. T. C. PIERSON, St. Paul, Gr. Rec.

MISSISSIPPI, 1876.

Sixteenth annual, held at Columbus, May ninth.

Sir G. W. Cox, G. Commander.

He decided, in May, 1875 :—

That there was no impropriety in a Commandery attending and acting as escort at the funeral of a Brother or Companion, of a Blue Lodge or a Royal Arch Chapter, provided the invitation was extended by the unanimous vote of the body tendering it.

He now says :—

With the lights now before me I am satisfied that the decision was wrong, and that none but Knights Templar are entitled, either directly or indirectly, to Templar honors.

He submits the following case :—

A Sir Knight took his dimit from his Commandery, for the purpose of uniting with others in a petition for a new Commandery. His name was included with the others in the dispensation ; but previous to the dispensation being granted, he committed suicide. His widow afterwards made application for relief.

Query first.—Where is his membership, and to whom should his widow apply for relief ?

Query second.—Does the manner of his death affect his claims on Templars, he having stated before his death, that approaching financial ruin was the cause of his committing the fatal act ?

To which the Grand Commander replied :—

1. When the Sir Knight received his dimit from the Commandery, he severed all connection with that body, and became unaffiliated until he deposited it with the petition for the new Commandery, and by so doing became a member of the new Commandery when it came into existence. Had he lived, no further act of his would have been necessary to make him a member of it.

2. No Commandery, except the one within whose jurisdiction the applicant resides, can act advisedly in the matter of bestowing charity.

3. No charges have been preferred against the deceased Sir Knight, hence his record shows that he died in good standing in the Order.

The report of the Committee on Templar Law, was adopted.

It agrees with the Grand Commander in his first deci-

sion; as to the second, says, that the Sir Knight was at the time of his death a non-affiliate in regular standing.

P. G. C. John K Fulson was authorized to procure the authorized work of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

I hope he will succeed in procuring it.

Sir P. M. Savery presented the Report on Correspondence. Colorado not noticed.

OFFICERS.

Sir OLIVER CLIFTON, Jackson, Gr. Commander.

Sir J. L. POWER, Jackson, Gr. Rec.

MISSOURI, 1876.

Sixteenth annual, held at St. Louis, October third.

Sir John A. Bloomfield, G. Commander.

He decided :—

1. That the fees should be paid, in all cases, before the Orders can be conferred.

2. What is the status of Sir Knights, members of one Commandery, who have signed application for dispensation for new Commandery, after new Commandery shall have been chartered? These same Sir Knights being in arrears for dues to first Commandery, what action can be taken to clear them on the books of said body?

Answer.—The new Commandery being chartered, the petitioners for dispensation become members thereof, without dimit from first Commandery; and to collect dues for which these members were in arrears, it would be competent to prefer charges against them in the newly chartered body for non-payment of dues.

The decisions were approved by the Grand Commandery.

Would it not be well to require petitioners, members of other Commanderies, to send with the petition receipts from their Commanderies showing their dues paid until the next annual conclave?

Sir George Frank Gouley, Grand Recorder, owing to severe illness, was unable to be present.

The Grand Commandery unanimously voted the sympathy of the Grand Body to him, and ordered the same to be certified to him.

"Welch's Tactics and Drill," except the manner of forming triangle in the Asylum, was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence, by Sir Gonley, is very short. He was confined to his bed and room for months by severe illness. Our circular letter is published in full.

The following, submitted by the Committee on Correspondence, was adopted :—

Whereas, A Grand Commandery has been formed in Colorado, in a regular and constitutional manner, and under the authority of the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri hereby extends to the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Colorado, a full and knightly recognition, wishing for our youngest sister a long and prosperous life of peace and usefulness.

OFFICERS.

Sir FREDERICK B. YOUNG, Columbia, Gr. Commander.

Sir GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, St. Louis, Gr. Rec.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1875.

Annual conclave, held in Concord, September twenty-eighth.

Sir Joseph W. Fellows, G. Commander.

He recommends public installation in all cases where it can be arranged.

They have a project on hand for re-printing their proceedings from 1823 to 1869.

But little business transacted.

A note says that the Reports on Correspondence for 1875 and 1876 will be published with the proceedings of 1876.

OFFICERS.

Sir SOLON A. CARTER, Keene, Gr. Commander.

Sir JOHN A. HARRIS, Concord. Gr. Rec.

NEW JERSEY, 1876.

Eighteenth annual, held at Camden, September twelfth.

Sir William L. Newell, G. Commander.

Sir Thomas J. Corson, Grand Recorder, in his report gives our circular letter in full.

Sir Corson, that prince of reporters, presented as usual, one of his excellent Reports on Correspondence. He calls our proceedings "a very neat and attractive volume," and says:—

Most cordially do we receive this new member to our family group. She is welcome, thrice welcome; and we pray God to bless and prosper her in the future, that she may come to be a power for good, and that she may successfully preach the gospel of peace among the dwellers in our occidental land.

OFFICERS.

Sir FRED. G. WIESE, Bordentown, Gr. Commander.

Sir THOS. J. CORSON, Trenton, Gr. Rec.

NEW YORK, 1876.

Sixty-third annual held at New York, October tenth.

Sir Charles Roome, G. Commander.

He decided:—

The act of creating a Knight Templar makes him *ipso facto* a member of the Commandery. His neglect or refusal to sign the By-Laws, is simply the neglect or refusal of a plain duty. He is none the less bound to obey them.

Every Sir Knight who pays his dues in full, is entitled to a dimit, provided he is in good standing and not under charges. If, after ten days notice, a Sir Knight refuses to pay his dues, he may be suspended.

The Grand Commander has no power to modify or suspend a Statute or Regulation of the Grand Commandery. It is not his province to make laws, but simply to enforce them.

The consent of the Grand Commander is not necessary to enable subordinate Commanderies to waive jurisdiction over material, nor is it required additionally.

Where an appointed officer of a Commandery is habitually absent from his post, the Commander may either displace him, or he may appoint a competent frater to discharge his duties, *pro tem*. In the latter case, the actual officer when present, would displace the substitute.

If he can displace an appointed officer, why not an elected one?

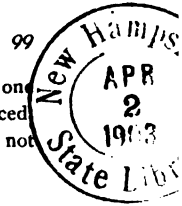
It is improper for a Masonic Body to parade on other than exclusively Masonic occasions.

An assessment upon the membership to pay the expenses of an entertainment cannot be maintained.

APPENDIX.

A By-Law, rendering ineligible to office by election or appointment, one who has not paid his dues, is valid under the Statutes, and may be enforced.

Suspension for non-payment of dues only, by Lodge or Chapter, does not effect the standing of a Knight Templar.



The decisions were adopted by the Grand Commandery.

Sir Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder, having completed twenty-five years continuous service in that office, presents some interesting reminiscences of the long period elapsed since the records were officially placed in his keeping.

"Welch's Tactics and Drill" were adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is from the ready pen of Sir John M. Simons. We quote:—

COLORADO.

In the pamphlet before us, which we take occasion to say is one of the finest specimens of the "Art preservative of Arts" we have ever seen, and immeasurably casts into the shade the majority of publications issued by the older and larger Grand Commanderies, we have first a brief history of the subordinate Commanderies forming the new Grand Commandery of Colorado, then the proceedings in the formation of the Body, and finally the proceedings after the Grand Commandery had been lawfully formed and established. It will suffice to say that all of these were entirely regular, and in full accord with the Statutes and Regulations in such cases made and provided, and we therefore most cheerfully and heartily extend the right hand of fellowship and recognition to the GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO, and wish it and its constituents all prosperity, harmony, and length of days.

OFFICERS.

Sir ROBERT BLACK, Brooklyn, Gr. Commander.

Sir ROBERT MACOY, 4 Barclay Street, New York, Gr. Rec.

OHIO, 1876.

Thirty-fourth annual held at Put-in-Bay, August twenty-ninth.

Sir Charles C. Kiefer, G. Commander.

All the Grand officers present and all but one Commandery represented.

Sir E. T. Carson, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery salutes with Knightly greetings and welcomes to the great family of American Grand Commanderies, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado. We trust that the

banner of the order in the far west may long continue to reflect the great principles of the order.

He also gives us kindly notice in his report.

OFFICERS.

Sir CHARLES G. KIEFER, Urbana, Gr. Commander.

Sir JAMES NESBIT, Troy, Gr. Rec.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1876.

Twenty-third annual held at Philadelphia, May thirtieth.

Sir Charles H. Kingston, G. Commander.

All (50) Commanderies represented.

The volume contains a full account of the grand reunion of June 1, 1876: Pueblo Commandery No. 3, being represented.

Sir Pearson Church, in his Report on Correspondence, says of Colorado:—

We cordially and courteously recognize and welcome this new Grand Commandery among the galaxy of stars of which the M. E. Grand Encampment is composed. All hail to the Centennial State and the Centennial Grand Commandery.

OFFICERS.

Sir A. J. KAUFFMAN, Gr. Commander.

Sir CHAS. E. MEYER, Philadelphia, Gr. Rec.

TENNESSEE, 1876.

Fourteenth annual held at Murfresboro, May eleventh.

Sir Henry M. Aiken, G. Commander. He submitted a question to the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, who decided:—

That when a charter of a Commandery is arrested, *all* of its property must be turned over to the Grand Commandery.

Sir Morton B. Howell, Grand Recorder, presented the Report on Correspondence. He notices Colorado, and says:—

We offer her a most hearty and fraternal welcome, trusting that she may remain, as she is now, as pure and spotless as the snows on her mountain

peaks, and that her example may be invigorating as the streams that flow from them upon the plains below.

OFFICERS.

Sir WM. R. BUTLER, Murfresboro, Gr. Commander.
Sir MORTON B. HOWELL, Nashville, Gr. Recorder.

TEXAS, 1876.

Annual conclave at Houston, February second.

Sir D. R. Gurley, *as* G. Commander.

The address of Sir E. G. Bower, Gr. Commander, and of Sir L. M. Openheimer, D. Gr. Commander, were read, they being unable to be present.

The Grand Commander says they have some who hold the title of Knight Templar, who:—

Are never found within the asylum, except on gala occasions, and when the pomp and pageantry and circumstance of the order is to be displayed to a gaping multitude on some public occasion.

Sir James Masterson presented a short Report on Correspondence.

OFFICERS.

Sir L. M. OPENHEIMER, Calvert, Gr. Commander.
Sir ROBERT BREWSTER, Houston, Gr. Rec.

WISCONSIN, 1876.

Eighteenth annual, held at Milwaukee, October third.

Sir Carlos P. Whitford, G. Commander.

Twelve (all) Commanderies represented.

Speaking of Colorado, the Grand Commander says:—

It will undoubtedly be a pleasure to welcome this new jurisdiction to the list of sister Grand Commanderies, and request the Grand Recorder to furnish it with copies of our proceedings.

The following was adopted:—

That this Grand Commandery welcomes the new Grand Commandery of Colorado to the circle of Grand jurisdictions, and places the same on our list of exchanges of proceedings and Knightly courtesies.

They furnish each Commandery with sixteen copies of proceedings.

Sir John W. Woodhull, Grand Recorder, presented the Report on Correspondence. It is a good one.

For the following we doff our *sombrero*:—

COLORADO.—1876.

The Centennial fledgling was born March 14th of this historic year. She has already donned her gay plumage, flapped her wings, and tried her voice. Her first missive comes to us well dressed and well formed, showing that with sound judgment, they have placed the right man in the right place.

The book before us is no dingy affair, gotten up by half-priced "journs," but shows very plainly a workman at the "stick."

The proceedings were all regular, and in conformity to the rules of the Grand Encampment. Gladly do we welcome this, the youngest Commandery, to a seat among the Princes and Rulers of Knights Templar. Wisconsin says: Welcome, Sir Knights of Colorado, not only to a place among the Commanderies of the world, but to that grander and more glorious union of hearts in the noble cause of righteousness and Christian virtue. There is no stain upon your banner; it is pure as the driven snow; glorious in the cause it represents; and we trust, that in the hands of the gallant Knights of this new Grand Commandery, it will never be tarnished or trailed in the dust, but be ever upheld pure and spotless as it is to-day. With this belief we again say: Welcome, Colorado.

OFFICERS.

Sir JOHN W. WOODHULL, Milwaukee, Gr. Commander.

Sir CHARLES P. UTLEY, Milwaukee, Gr. Rec.

The thanks of this Grand Commandery are due to Sirs Whitford and Woodhull, for full files of their proceedings and for Knightly courtesies.

It is only by courtesy that the preceeding can be called a "Report on Correspondence." I have not attempted to review the proceedings noticed; want of time and ability are my excuse.

ED. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Recorder.

CODE OF STATUTES

—OF—

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, and the Appendant Orders of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.—JURISDICTION.

Its jurisdiction shall be within the Territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the ancient traditions of the Order.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar and for good cause, annul and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for willful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It

may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

This Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander, elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

A regular conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September, 1878, at the City of Denver, for the dispatch of business, and annually thereafter on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five (\$75) dollars, *Provided*, however, that this shall not apply to petitions heretofore received by any Commandery under this Grand Commandery.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be : for Dispensation, ninety (\$90) dollars, and for Charter the further sum of ten (\$10) dollars.

SEC. 3. Each subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction, shall pay into the Treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of three (\$3) dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of fifty cents annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns; a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder with their dues, at least ten days before each annual conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular annual conclave.

SEC. 5. The Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery shall be entitled to the sum of five (\$5) dollars for each dispensation granted, and the further sum of five (\$5) dollars for each charter when issued.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees of three Sir Knights each, viz:—

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

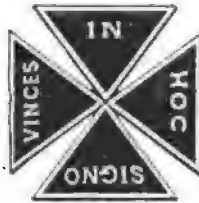
To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

The Grand Commandery shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the

Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next annual conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

No amendment or alteration shall be made to these statutes, unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.



FORMS.


FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir——, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado :—

The undersigned, petitioners, respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at——, and to be known as——Commandery. They have nominated, and do hereby recommend Sir——, to be the first Commander; Sir——, to be the first Generalissimo, and Sir——, to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a Dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery, at——, in the County of——, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the order.

Dated, ——.

 [The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the order and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.]

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of —— Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at ——, Colorado :—

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in —— Lodge, No. —, and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A., in —— Chap-

ter, No. —, and that I am desirous of receiving the several order of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery, if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is —.

Residence, —.

Occupation, —.

Dated at —, Col., —, A. D. 18—.

We recommend Companion — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery, as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report—.

—, Col., —, A. D. 18—, A. O. 75—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of — Commandery,
No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at —, Colorado:—*

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, and late a member of — Commandery, No. —, stationed at —, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is —.

Residence, —.

Occupation, —.

—, Col., —, A. D. 18—, A. O. 75—.

We recommend Sir — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

GRAND OFFICERS,

A. D. 1877-78.



Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, R. E. E. C., *Denver.*

Sir IRVING W. STANTON, V. E. D. G. C., *Pueblo.*

Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, E. G. G., *Central.*

Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, E. G. C. G., *Denver.*

Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, E. G. Pre., *Denver.*

Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH, E. G. S. W., *Pueblo.*

Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON, E. G. J. W., *Black Hawk.*

Sir WILLIAM D. TODD, E. G. Treas., *Denver.*

Sir ED. C. PARMELEE, E. G. Rec., *Georgetown.*

Sir J. A. MCMURFIE, E. G. Sec. Ex., *Pueblo.*

Sir SAMUEL I. LORAN, E. G. Sec. Gen., *Central.*

Sir GEORGE C. ROBERTSON, E. G. Sec. Gen., *Central.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery



KNIGHTS OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN

For the Year 1911-1912

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Grand Commandery

—OF—

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO,



AT ITS THIRD CONCLAVE,

HELD AT DENVER.

SEPTEMBER 20, A. D. 1878, A. O. 760.



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GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

1878.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in annual conclave at Masonic Hall, in Denver, Friday, the 20th day of September, A. D. 1878, A. O. 760, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—

SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, G. C.
SIR IRVING W. STANTON, D. G. C.
SIR HARPER M. ORAHOD, G. G.
SIR J. MONTGOMERY STRICKLER, G. C. G.
SIR FRANCIS GALLUP, G. Pre.
SIR HORACE N. BANKS, *as* G. S. W.
SIR JOHN K. HAMBEL, *as* G. J. W.
SIR WILLIAM D. TODD, G. Treas.
SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, G. Rec.
SIR PETER WINNE, *as* G. St'd Br.
SIR SAMUEL I. LORAH, G. Sw'd Br.
SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER, *as* G. War.
SIR THOMAS LINTON, G. C. of G.

and representatives from all the Subordinate Commanderies and several visiting Sir Knights.

The Grand Commandery was opened in AMPLE FORM.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Sir Knights Stanton, Strickler and Todd were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

After a time they presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Credentials report that they find the following Sir Knights present, and entitled to seats and votes:

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| | W. D. ANTHONY, R. E. G. C. | |
| | I. W. STANTON, R. E. D. G. C. | |
| | H. M. ORAHOOD, E. G. G. | |
| | J. M. STRICKLER, E. G. C. G. | |
| | F. GALLUP, E. G. Pre. | |
| | W. D. TODD, E. G. Treas. | |
| | E. C. PARMELEE, E. G. Rec. | |
| | S. I. LORAH, E. G. Sw'd Br. | |
| | T. LINTON, E. G. C. of G. | |
| No. 1. | J. M. STRICKLER, E. C. | |
| | M. SPANGLER, G. | |
| | R. W. WOODBURY, C. G. | |
| No. 2. | H. M. ORAHOOD, E. C. | |
| | A. J. VAN DEREN, proxy for G. | |
| | S. I. LORAH, proxy for C. G. | |
| No. 3. | I. W. STANTON, E. C. | |
| | H. N. BANKS, proxy for G. and C. G. | |
| | Courteously submitted, | |
| | IRVING W. STANTON, | } Committee on Credentials. |
| | J. M. STRICKLER, | |
| | W. D. TODD, | |

GENERAL ORDERS.

The lines were formed and the following orders read by the Grand Captain General:

1877. GENERAL ORDER No. 1. 1880.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Sir Knight VINCENT LUMBARD HURLBUT, M. E. Grand Master.

To all the Grand Commanderies and the Commanderies holding their Characters immediately from our Grand Encampment—Greeting:

In order to secure a more active relation between the Grand Encampment and its Constituent Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, I have divided the General Jurisdiction into twelve districts, and appointed the following Eminent Sir Knights my representatives to visit the Grand Commanderies, and the Subordinate Commanderies under our immediate jurisdiction, in their respective districts, and report to me:

Commissions of Appointment have been issued by my order from the office of our R. E. Grand Recorder, to the Sir Knights named below:

FIRST DISTRICT.

The New England States.

Sir Knight BENJ. DEAN, BOSTON, MASS., Representative.

SECOND DISTRICT.

New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Sir Knight ORRIN WELCH, SYRACUSE, N. Y., Representative.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia and Delaware.

Sir Knight ROBT. E. WITHERS, ALEXANDRIA, VA., Representative.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Sir Knight WILLIAM J. POLLARD, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, Representative.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Sir Knight WALTER L. BRAGG, MOBILE, ALABAMA, Representative.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Sir Knight BENJ. B. RICHARDSON, GALVESTON, TEXAS, Representative.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

Sir Knight LAFAYETTE LYTLE, TOLEDO, OHIO, Representative.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Sir Knight VINCENT L. HURLBUT, G. M., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Missouri, Kansas and Colorado.

Sir Knight THOMAS J. ANDERSON, TOPEKA, KANSAS, Representative.

TENTH DISTRICT.

Iowa and Nebraska.

Sir Knight THEODORE S. PARVIN, IOWA CITY, IOWA, Representative.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Minnesota and Dakota.

Sir Knight JOHN W. WOODHULL, MILWAUKEE, WIS., Representative.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

California and Oregon.

Sir Knight HIRAM GRAVES, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Representative.

Done at Chicago, Illinois, this 11th day of September, A. D.
1877, A. O. 759, by the M. E. Grand Master.

Attest my hand and the seal of our Grand Encampment, at
Iowa City, Iowa, this 10th day of October, A. D., 1877.

[SEAL.]

THEODORE S. PARVIN,

Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

1877.

GENERAL ORDER No. 4.

1880.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The M. E., the Grand Master, sends Greeting :

*To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand
Commandery of*

MEMORIA IN AETERNA.

It is with profound regret that we are called upon to announce the death of our beloved associate, R. E. ORRIN WELCH, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and our immediate Official Representative in the States of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The sad event occurred Thursday evening, March 21st, at his home in the city of Syracuse, New York.

Our late official associate, Sir Knight ORRIN WELCH, was a Christian gentleman and upright citizen, a distinguished Freemason, and an eminent and chivalrous Knight Templar. These high attributes won for him, while living, the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and will plant a living monument in the hearts of all who enjoyed the rare privilege of companionship with him. "Nihil quod tetigit non ornavit."

Therefore, it is hereby ordered, that upon receipt hereof, as a token of respect for the deceased, your banners or Stations in your Asylum be suitably draped with Emblems of Mourning, and so remain until the close of the next Annual Conclave of your Grand Commandery, and that the Right Eminent, the Grand Commander of Colorado, make such further orders in the premises as to him may seem proper.

It is further ordered, that this communication be read in your Grand Commandery at its next Conclave, and the same be spread at length upon the records thereof.

Given under my hand and seal of our Grand Encampment, at
the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, this 25th day of
March, A. D. 1878, A. O. 760.

[SEAL.]

VINCENT L. HURLBUT,

Grand Master.

Attest—

T. S. PARVIN,

Grand Recorder.

1877. GENERAL ORDER No. 5. 1880.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Sir Knight VINCENT L. HURLBUT, M. E. Grand Master.

*To All Our Grand Officers,
To the Grand Commanders of Our Constituent Grand Commanderies,
To the Commanders of Commanderies Holding Charters Immediately from
Our Grand Encampment, and
To All True and Courteous Sir Knights—Greeting :*

WHEREAS, The Supreme Disposer of Events has removed from all earthly work our V. E. Sir Knight ORRIN WELCH, Grand Warder of our Grand Encampment;

AND, WHEREAS, The M. E. Grand Master, confiding in the fidelity, discretion and knightly valor of Sir Knight GETER C. SHIDLE, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, has constituted and appointed him, the said GETER C. SHIDLE, Grand Warder, to fill the vacancy aforesaid, who has fully qualified in said office :

These are, therefore, To notify you, and each of you, of said appointment, and that to the officer thus constituted and appointed you extend due honor in his official appointment.

Done at Chicago, Illinois, this twentieth day of April, A. D.
1878, A. O. 760,

BY THE GRAND MASTER.

Attest my hand and the seal of our Grand Encampment, at
[SEAL.] Iowa City, this twentieth day of April, A. D. 1878, A.
O. 760. T. S. PARVIN,

Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Sir Knights :

It should be a matter of devout thankfulness on our part that we are permitted to assemble again in Grand Annual Conclave. That by the providence of the All Powerful, and Ever Wise Ruler of the Universe, our lives and health are still spared to us, thus reminding us that although the dread Messenger, Death, has in many portions of our country sadly diminished our ranks, yet our own immediate jurisdiction has escaped the scourge.

For the abundant yield to the people of our State, from its farms, its mines and its various resources, as for the health, peace and prosperity which has blessed us, we should be especially thankful; and as a proof of

our gratitude for these beneficent gifts of Providence, we should all bow in reverence, acknowledging our heartfelt thanks, and renewing our confidence and faith in Divine power by more zealously and faithfully obeying the commands of that God who rules over us all. Are we, Sir Knights, sufficiently mindful of our obligations in this regard? Are we all living closely to, and performing those duties which are incumbent upon us as men, and which we as Knights Templar are bound to perform in order to carry out the noble precepts of our Order? Are we as Knights the true representatives of those Christian soldiers who buckled on their armor in defense of their principles, and who fought the good fight for that religion which was the beacon light to our noble predecessors? Have we been true to our vows, and in our mission as Templars of the Cross been ever ready to draw our swords in acknowledgment of our faith; been earnest workers in the development of those great virtues which prompt us to action for right and justice? Have we been zealots in our profession, rendering relief to the distressed? Have we fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and bound up the wounds of the afflicted? Have we been foremost in the advancement of civilization and morality? Have we been useful to mankind and endeavored both by precept and example to enforce upon the world the "Almighty force and power of truth?" Have we lived the life of a true Knight and ever kept our lamps burning as a bright and shining light to warn others of danger, and lead them in the paths of Christian virtue and morality? Have our own lives been such as that members of our Order may point to us as an exemplification of our teaching, and that the profane (to our ceremonies) may justly claim that society is better for our having formed a part of it? Have we earnestly labored for the promotion of social happiness, for extending moral improvement, and developing those nobler faculties of the soul that fits us for eternal life and peace? These thoughts, Sir Knights, are subjects for careful consideration, and if we have been derelict in any of these duties we have not been true to our knightly vows; if we have been recreant to them, in the non-performance of these duties to ourselves, to each other, and to mankind, then it may be justly claimed of us that we are false to our professions, that the sublime and glorious Order of Templars has been in our keeping, but a mockery and a snare—our mission a failure. Let us as Knights each take these thoughts to himself, and after "reflection in silence" let us answer them in all sincerity and humility on the pages of our own mind, and if we find ourselves derelict in duty, turn the page for another year, write our resolves plainly, and follow them more closely. Let us be prepared when the Warder seeks admission to our place of meditation to present acceptable answers to his "book of questions"—such replies as will gain us admittance to the Asylum that awaits the Valiant Templar.

Custom, so old and so generally followed as now to become a law, makes it a duty incumbent upon me at this time to report to you in detail my action as your Grand Commander. I presume the fact of this jurisdiction being so small (there being but three Commanderies subordinate to us),

and the well-known ability of the several Commanders of those Commanderies, has made my official duties so light that in fact I have hardly a report to render. And, therefore, find it more difficult to report what I have *not* done, than what has been accomplished.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Soon after the close of our last conclave, I was requested by several of the Grand Jurisdictions for an interchange of Grand Representatives, and believing that this custom may tend to the increase of more friendly and fraternal intercourse, by directly interesting the Knights of the several jurisdictions with each other, I appointed as follows:

| STATE. | DATE. | NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE. | RESIDENCE. |
|-----------------------|----------|---|------------------|
| 1878. | | | |
| Alabama | June 24. | R. E. Sir Daniel Smith | Mobile. |
| Arkansas | June 24. | R. E. Sir Samuel L. Griffith | Little Rock. |
| California | Aug. 16. | R. E. Sir Henry Sayre Orme | Los Angeles. |
| Connecticut | June 17. | R. E. Sir Jos. F. Vedwarka | New London. |
| Georgia | June 7. | R. E. Sir J. H. Estill | Savannah. |
| Illinois | May 31. | R. E. Sir Norman T. Gassett | Chicago. |
| Iowa | June 17. | R. E. Sir John C. Shrader | Iowa City. |
| Kansas | May 31. | R. E. Sir Owen A. Bassett | Lawrence. |
| Louisiana | June 18. | E. Sir Michael E. Girard | Opelousas. |
| Maine | June 10. | Sir George M. Howe | Portland. |
| Mass. and R. I. . . . | June 12. | E. Sir David F. Parker | Worcester, Mass. |
| Mississippi | June 13. | E. Sir Frederic Speed | Vicksburg. |
| Missouri | June 10. | E. Sir Wm. P. Mullen | St. Louis. |
| Michigan | May 31. | R. E. Sir Hugh McCurdy | Corunna. |
| Maryland | June 24. | V. E. Sir Christian B. Kleibacker | Baltimore. |
| Nebraska | June 18. | V. E. Sir Daniel H. Wheeler | Plattsmouth. |
| New Hampshire | June 15. | V. E. Sir Jos. W. Hildreth | Concord. |
| New Jersey | June 12. | E. Sir Frederick G. Wiese | Bordentown. |
| Ohio | June 10. | E. Sir Joshua M. Booth | Cleveland. |
| Pennsylvania | June 24. | R. E. Sir William H. Egle | Harrisburg. |
| Tennessee | July 14. | E. Sir James Daniel Richardson | Murfreesboro. |
| Wisconsin | June 10. | R. E. Sir Carlos P. Whitford | Beloit. |

From all of these Sir Knights I have received most courteous replies of acceptance.

I believe nearly all the jurisdictions enumerated have made appointments here, which will doubtless be presented at this conclave.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

On the 28th of August, 1877, the Grand Encampment of the United States convened at Cleveland, Ohio. I sincerely regret that my personal duties prevented my being present, and representing this jurisdiction in person. I appointed V. E. Sir Francis Gallup, G. P., as my proxy on this occasion. Prior to this session I received a most courteous communication from Sir Owen A. Bassett, Grand Commander of Kansas, inviting our Grand Commandery and the Knights of Colorado to unite with Kansas in the

pilgrimage, and through his personal exertions the rates for railroad fare were placed so very reasonable as to bring it within the power of all Sir Knights (so far as expense was concerned) to avail themselves of the opportunity and attend this triennial Conclave. I at once gave notice by circular letters to all Sir Knights members in the jurisdiction of the rates of fare, and accommodations provided by our Fraters of Kansas; but few, however, responded, and the delegation from Colorado consisted of only fifteen Sir Knights. Through some misunderstanding with our local railroad agents, our representatives were separated, and a portion only were permitted to unite with the Grand escort provided by our neighbors. This I very much regretted. I desire to return my thanks to E. Sir Bassett, of Kansas, for his exertions in our behalf, and trust that the Knights of Colorado may extend to him their courteous regards. He took great trouble to furnish and complete every facility for our comfort and enjoyment, and displayed a most fraternal and knightly acknowledgment toward the Order in Colorado.

The twenty-first triennial Conclave will convene in Chicago, Illinois, on the third Tuesday of August, 1880. I deem it not too early to commence preparations for a grand pilgrimage at that time. A visitation of this Grand Commandery, with proper escort, will be attended with more or less expense. Let us take measures to prepare for this, by the appointment of a committee with power to act, and to report at our next session, or levy an assessment now and secure funds sufficient to defray these expenses. And *by expenses* I would not wish to be understood as favoring the payment, by this Commandery, of the traveling or other expenses incurred by the *individuals* of the delegation; but if Colorado attends the Conclave at Chicago she should do so in proper manner. To do this Jewels, Banners and Badges must be provided, headquarters secured, and a proper escort should accompany us. It may be claimed by some that too much stress is placed upon the *appearance* of the delegations at these assemblages. I do not think so. There is to a great extent form, ceremony and *appearance* expected from our Order on these occasions. We do not often appear in public, but when we do appear we should do so in a manner that will impress *ourselves* with the stability and importance of Templarism, and convince the world of its influence and power.

We all know the zeal and energy displayed by the citizens of the great city of Chicago; we know that whatever they attempt will excel all competitors, and we may feel assured that while Baltimore, New Orleans and Cleveland presented an array of Knights at their several sessions which were an honor to those cities and to our Order, *Chicago* will outdo them all; and any Sir Knight who fails to visit the Garden City in 1880, will fail to see the most gorgeous assemblage of Knights which has been witnessed since the Crusades. I therefore urge upon you to provide ways and means for enjoying this *pageant*, and hope that Colorado, the youngest born of the Grand Jurisdictions, will present itself in a manner which will be creditable to our young and prosperous State and to our Order.

GRAND GENERAL ORDERS.

By General Order No. 1, issued by M. E. Grand Master Hurlbut, the Grand Jurisdiction of the United States has been subdivided into Districts, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado forming the Ninth District, with R. E. Sir Knight Thomas J. Anderson, formerly of Topeka, Kansas (now of Pueblo, in this State), as the immediate representative of the Grand Master. You will extend to him all the courtesy due to his exalted position.

Order No. 4, of March 25th, conveys to us the sad intelligence of the death of V. E. Sir Orrin Welch, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and Order No. 5 informs us of the appointment of Sir Geter C. Shidle, of Pittsburgh, Pa., as Grand Warder, vice V. E. Sir Welch, deceased.

YELLOW FEVER SCOURGE.

On the 29th of August I received a communication from the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, asking for assistance. You are all well aware of the terrible affliction now being visited upon the South, and the sad havoc being made by reason of the *Yellow Fever*. And yet we can form no conception of the distress caused by this pestilence. The citizens of that locality are in sore need of our help. Families are fleeing from the deadly scourge, and cities are being depopulated by the dread messenger. In reality, the "dead are left to bury the dead," and in this hour of their distress our Sir Knights appeal to us for relief. The condition of our finances would not warrant me in forwarding money, and I therefore lay their communication before you for action.

In this connection I would state that our friend and brother, N. C. Forrester, has tendered me the free use of his "Opera House" in Denver for an entertainment, to be given for the purpose of raising funds for the "Fever-stricken South," and by the kindness and assistance of Professor Grebe, of this city, partial arrangements are made to this end. This entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Grand Commandery, and I trust that a few hundred dollars may be realized for this most humane and charitable object. It was my purpose to have completed these arrangements prior to this session, but time would not permit. I shall, however, take pleasure in forwarding to the Grand Recorder a full account thereof very soon.

Sir Knights, in conclusion permit me to return to you my most earnest acknowledgments for the high honor you conferred upon me at your last Conclave. And as I now return to your hands the Knightly Jurisdiction which you then entrusted to my keeping, I trust that the honor and the glory of our Order will, in the care of my successor, and for all time to come, remain as "untarnished as the glittering blade." May this jurisdiction increase in the knowledge and perfection of our rites; and may Temporalism in Colorado ever "flourish in immortal green." May Truth be and remain our watchword, as it is the foundation of our Order.

W. D. ANTHONY,

Grand Commander.

The Deputy Grand Commander presented the following:

Sir Knights :

I have not been called upon to perform any official duty during my term of office requiring an extended report.

In August, 1877, I attended the Twentieth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held in the city of Cleveland. This meeting was most pleasant and enjoyable in all respects. The Sir Knights of Ohio, and particularly of the city of Cleveland, and the citizens of that beautiful city generally, are entitled to the sincere thanks of all those whose privilege it was to partake of the hospitalities and courtesies extended to the Grand Encampment on that memorable occasion.

The report of the proceedings has been published and distributed, which renders it unnecessary for me to speak particularly of the work done.

The next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment will be held in the city of Chicago, on the *third Tuesday in August, A. D. 1880.*

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING W. STANTON,

Dep. G. Commander.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees :

On Finance—

SIR SAMUEL I. LORAH.

SIR FRANCIS GALLUP.

SIR HORACE N. BANKS.

On Returns and Work—

SIR J. MONTGOMERY STRICKLER.

SIR HORACE N. BANKS.

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD.

On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals—

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD.

SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER.

SIR IRVING W. STANTON.

On Printing and Miscellaneous Business—

SIR WILLIAM D. TODD.

SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY.

SIR SAMUEL I. LORAH.

The following reports were read and referred to the Committee on Finance :

GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, COLORADO,
OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER,
DENVER, September 20, 1878. }

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Commandery from March 13, 1877, to date, as shown by my books, accompanied by vouchers for all disbursements :

| | Dr. | |
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| March 13, 1877, To balance on hand | \$213 21 | |
| April 13, 1877, To interest allowed by Safe Deposit Bank | 1 36 | |
| July 13, 1877, To interest allowed by Safe Deposit Bank | 1 65 | |
| Oct. 13, 1877, To interest allowed by Safe Deposit Bank | 26 | |
| Jan. 13, 1878, To interest allowed by Safe Deposit Bank | 22 | |
| April 13, 1878, To interest allowed by Safe Deposit Bank | 22 | |
| July 13, 1878, To interest allowed by Safe Deposit Bank | 18 | |
| Sept. 13, 1878, To cash by Grand Recorder | 37 50 | |
| Sept. 13, 1878, To cash by Grand Recorder | 35 55 | |
| Total | | \$290 15 |
| | Cr. | |
| March 14, 1877, By warrant No. 6 | \$ 8 00 | |
| March 14, 1877, By warrant No. 7 | 25 00 | |
| May 19, 1877, By warrant | 138 00 | |
| June 18, 1877, By warrant | 20 00 | |
| July 11, 1877, By warrant No. 10 | 6 80 | |
| Aug. 21, 1877, By warrant No. 11 | 7 50 | |
| Aug. 10, 1878, By warrant No. 12 | 6 90 | |
| Total | \$212 20 | |
| Sept. 20, 1878, To balance | 77 95 | |
| Total | | \$290 15 |

September 20, 1878, to balance on hand, \$77.95, for which find certified check.

Courteously submitted.

WM. D. TODD,

Grand Treasurer.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Proceedings of all sister Grand Commanderies, except Arkansas, have been received, many for two years.

All the Commanderies have made returns and paid dues.

These returns show :

| | |
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| Created | 12 |
| Admitted | 8 |
| | — 20 |
| Died | 2 |
| Dimitted | 6 |
| Suspended | 7 |
| | — 15 |
| A membership of 141, and a gain in membership of | 5 |

I have drawn warrants on Sir Grand Treasurer :

| | |
|---|----------|
| On account of Printing | \$165 50 |
| On account of Salaries | 33 00 |
| On account of Dues G. G. Encampment | 13 70 |
| Total | \$212 20 |

I have received from :

Dues \$106 50

I have paid :

On account Stationery and Printing \$ 6 05

On account Postage 22 05

On account Freight and Expressage 5 35

On account Grand Treasurer 73 05

Total \$106 50

Courteously submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,

Grand Recorder.

AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES.

Sir Knight Todd offered the following, which were referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That Section 3, of Article VI., in Code of Statutes, be amended by substituting in third line the sum of \$5, instead of \$3, and in the fifth line the sum of \$1, instead of 50 cents.

Also :

Resolved, That an assessment of \$1 be made on each Sir Knight in the jurisdiction members of the respective Cominaderies, payable within thirty days to the Grand Recorder by the Recorders of each Commandery.

The following was read :

THE YELLOW SCOURGE—APPEAL FOR HELP.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSISSIPPI, }
OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER, }
JACKSON, MISS., August 20, 1878. }

To the R. E. Grand Commander of Colorado :

R. E. SIR AND FRATER : I am directed by our R. E. Grand Commander, Sir W. G. Paxton, who is now in Vicksburg, and who proposes to remain that he may do what he can for the relief of his brethren and other citizens who may be stricken with the Yellow Fever, to make an appeal to your jurisdiction for relief. I quote from his letter : " We are on the verge of an epidemic with all its horrors. We have many destitute in our midst who lack everything. As Knights Templar, we claim *Universal Benevolence* as one of our corner stones. No better opportunity could be afforded for an illustration. Will you, as Grand Recorder, call on every Grand Commandery for relief, asking that responses shall specify whether the relief tendered is for general or special purposes."

The horrors of the pestilence at Grenada are known to the country. Many of the families of our Sir Knights there are in absolute need. The

city of Canton, where we have another Commandery, has just been visited with the pestilence, and we are in hourly expectation of its dreaded approach to Jackson. Many of our people have fled before it, closing banks, hotels, stores and other sources of local supply.

Help us, if you can. It is only a dire necessity that prompts the appeal. Forward by express, and mark the package "Relief for Yellow Fever Sufferers," and the company will forward free. All contributions will be promptly acknowledged, and will be disbursed to the several localities as our R. E. Grand Commander shall direct.

Courteously yours,

J. L. POWER,

Grand Recorder.

[SEAL.]

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election was then held, resulting in the election of:

Sir IRVING W. STANTON, Pueblo, Grand Commander.

Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Central, D. G. Commander.

Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, Denver, G. Generalissimo.

Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER, Denver, G. Captain-General.

Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, Denver, G. Prelate.

Sir HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo, G. S. Warden.

Sir SAMUEL I. LORAH, Central, G. J. Warden.

Sir WM. D. TODD, Denver, G. Treasurer.

Sir ED. C. PARMELEE, Georgetown, G. Recorder.

The Grand Commander presented the following communication:

TOPEKA, KANSAS, Sept. 18th, 1878.

R. E. Sir Knight:

I had intended being present at your annual meeting, the 20th inst. I am in a hot political fight here, which will not culminate until the 21st inst., and therefore find it impossible to leave. I regret this exceedingly, as I have been looking forward to the meeting of your Grand Commandery with a great deal of pleasure. I presume that Grand Master Hurlbut will also be disappointed, as he is exceedingly anxious that all the meetings be attended. I will thank you for copy of the papers giving proceedings, and any other matters of interest you may have to communicate, sent to my address here.

Truly and courteously yours,

T. J. ANDERSON,

Rep. Ninth District.

Sir Knight W. D. ANTHONY,

R. E. Grand Commander, Denver, Colo.

On motion the Grand Commandery adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment at two o'clock P. M.

Officers and members present, as at morning session.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Returns and Work presented the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Returns and Work report that they have examined the returns of Commanderies of Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and find the same correct.

Courteously,

J. M. STRICKLER, }
H. M. ORAHOOD, } Committee.
H. N. BANKS, }

The Committee on Finance presented the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

We, your Committee on Finance, respectfully report that we have examined the annual reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find the same to be correct.

DENVER, September 20, 1878.

S. I. LORAH,
FRANCIS GALLUP,
H. N. BANKS.

Also the following, which, with the amendment to the statutes, and the resolution therein recommended, were adopted unanimously :

We, your Finance Committee, recommend the adoption of the resolution offered by Sir Knight Todd, and submitted to this Committee, viz :

Resolved, That Section 3 of Article 6, in Code of Statutes, be amended by substituting in third line the sum of \$5 instead of \$3, and in the fifth line the sum of \$1 instead of 50 cents.

We also recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That an assessment be made upon the Subordinate Com-

manderies in this jurisdiction of \$1 for each regular member thereof, payable to the Grand Recorder within thirty days after notice to such Subordinate Commandery.

DENVER, September 20, 1878.

S. I. LORAH,
FRANCIS GALLUP,
HORACE N. BANKS.

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed, consisting of P. G. C. Teller and Anthony, and E. C. Stanton, Strickler and Orahood, to whom shall be referred that part of the R. E. G. C. address relative to providing means for a proper representation of this Grand Commandery at the next Triennial Conclave, to be held in Chicago in August, 1880, and to report at the next Annual Conclave.

W. D. TODD,
R. W. WOODBURY,
S. I. LORAH.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Recorder presented the credentials as Grand Representatives near the Grand Commandery of Colorado of:

Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON, from Alabama.
Sir DAVID J. COOK, from Arkansas.
Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER, from Connecticut.
Sir HENRY M. TELLER, from Georgia and Illinois.
Sir IRVING W. STANTON, from Iowa.
Sir ROGER W. WOODBURY, from Louisiana and Maryland.
Sir WILLIAM N. BYERS, from Maine and New York.
Sir OLIVER A. WHITTEMORE, from Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
Sir DAVID C. COLLIER, from Mississippi.
Sir J. MONTGOMERY STRICKLER, from Missouri and Tennessee.
Sir ELI M. ASHLEY, from Nebraska.
Sir ROBERT K. PIERSON, from New Hampshire.
Sir PETER WINNE, from New Jersey.
Sir WILLIAM D. TODD, from Ohio.
Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, from Pennsylvania.
Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH, from Wisconsin.

On motion the Sir Knights named were courteously received and accepted as Grand Representatives from said Grand Commanderies.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Recorder read the list of appointed officers as follows :

Sir JOHN A. MCMURTRIE, Pueblo, G. Standard-Bearer.
Sir BENJ. T. WELLS, Black Hawk, G. Sword-Bearer.
Sir GEORGE M. CHILCOTT, Pueblo, G. Warder.
Sir THOMAS LINTON, Denver, G. Capt. of Guard.

INSTALLATION.

R. E. Webster D. Anthony, G. C., then installed R. E. Irving W. Stanton G. C. elect, who installed the elected and appointed officers—excepting Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Warder, who were not present.

DONATION TO GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

The following was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery donates to the M. W. Grand Lodge Library all the proceedings of its sister Grand Commanderies and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on the condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Commandery.

YELLOW FEVER SUFFERERS.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to carry out the recommendations of the Grand Commander as to an entertainment for the benefit of yellow fever sufferers.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights Anthony, Strickler and Woodbury said committee.

PAY OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Sir Knight Strickler warrants were ordered drawn in favor of the Grand Recorder for \$25, and in favor of the Grand Captain of the Guard for \$8, for services.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees :

On Jurisprudence—

SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, of Denver.

SIR HENRY M. TELLER, of Central.

SIR HENRY C. THATCHER, of Pueblo.

On Correspondence—

SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, of Denver.

SIR MICHAEL H. FITCH, of Pueblo.

SIR GRAND RECORDER.

THANKS.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to Colorado Commandery, No. 1, for the free use of their asylum.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes were then read and approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Colorado was closed in solemn and Knightly form, to meet in Denver on Friday after the third Tuesday of September, A. D. 1879, at 10 o'clock A. M.

IRVING W. STANTON,

Grand Commander.

Attest—

ED. C. PARMELEE,

Grand Recorder.

Appendix.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1878.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1—DENVER, ARAPAHOE
COUNTY.

[Stated Conclaves, first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

James M. Strickler, E. C.
Michael Spangler, G.
Roger W. Woodbury, C. G.
P. Voorhees Finch, P.
George C. Roberts, S. W.
Frank Church, J. W.

Peter Winne, Treas.
Oliver A. Whittemore, Rec'r.
Flavius N. Davis, St'd B'r.
Edward W. Johnstone, Sw'd B.
W. F. Dieterichs, War.
Thomas Linton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anthony, Webster D.
Ashley, Eli M.
Allen, Samuel M.
Austin, S. D.
Allen, Henry E.
Boone, A. G.
Brown, J. Sidney
Billings, George N.
Bayles, Benj. H.
Bean, A. J.
Blair, Thomas W.
Clarke, Clarence J.
Cheesman, Walter S.
Clough, Henry A.
Cobb, E. W.
Corning, George C.
Christian, Wm. A.
Cook, David J.
Dailey, John L.

Danielson, Frank M.
Evans, John
Elbert, Samuel H.
Fisher, Cyrus W.
Ford, Frank
Gallup, Francis
Gird, Christ. C.
Griffin, Fred. F.
Goodwin, H. S.
Hatten, Robert L.
Hutchins, Samuel A.
Henry, Oren H.
Howell, William R.
Kountze, Charles B.
Kavanaugh, R. F.
Loper, Edward J.
Mahar, Con. J.
McCarty, Leander
McLellan, W. W.

McConnell, J. G.
Maxwell, J. P.
McCarty, A. J.
Otis, Oran G.
Olney, Henry C.
Pringle, J. P.
Pierson, R. K.
Pollock, J. R.
Robinson, D. A.
Reynolds, J. E.
Routt, John L.
Sopris, Richard
Sayre, Alfred
Todd, William D.
Vincent, B. T.
Willoughby, E. A.
Wheeler, Byron A.
Watkins, L. A.
Wilson, Andrew D.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY, No. 2.—CENTRAL, GILPIN
COUNTY.

[Stated Conclaves, third Thursday in each Month.]

OFFICERS.

Orahoad, Harper M., E. C.
Fullerton, William, G.
Wells, Benjamin T., C. G.
Collier, David C., P.
Potter, Thomas H., S. W.
Mabee, George W., J. W.

Best, John, Treas.
Lorah, Samuel I., Rec.
Hutchinson, James, St'd B.
Mack, Jacob, Sw'd B.
Mosley, Richard W., War.
Pugh, George A., C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, George H.
Bates, Walter
Butler, Hugh
Cozens, William Z.
Cornish, Thomas
Criley, Wm. W.
Clinton, Edward F.
Hoyt, Charles A.
Hambel, Jno. R.
Haskell, Noah D.

Joblin, Wm. J.
Johnson, Albert
Lechner, Geo. W.
Love, Joseph A.
Lake, Richard C.
Munson, Geo. C.
Newcomb, Henry E.
Nichols, Foster
Parmelee, Ed. C.
Roberts, Daniel

Sayr, Hal.
Stevens, James
Smith, J. Alden
Teller, H. M., P.G.C.
Tallman, Jacob
VanDeren, Arch. J.
Withrow, Chase
Watson, Joseph W.
Ware, Wm. W.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY, No. 3—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[Stated Conclaves, first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Irving W. Stanton, E. C.
Michael H. Fitch, G.
Geo. M. Chilcott, C. G.
Frank H. Shrock, P.
Jno. A. McMurtrie, S. W.
Robt. F. Lytle, J. W.

Geo. W. Morgan, Treas.
Horace N. Banks, Rec'r.
William W. Strait, St'd B'r.
William B. Kane, Sw'd E.
Gideon H. Hart, War.
A. A. Grant, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bartels, J. L.
Blunt, M. A.
Clough, A.
Crary, B. F.
Caplinger, W. A.
France, Matt
Goodnight, Chas.

Keeler, H. B.
Morse, H. M.
McAnulty, R. E.
Morton, J. G.
McIntyre, H. A.
Perkins, Geo. W.

Pochon, J. Jos.
Root, Geo. H.
Thatcher, H. C.
Williams, C. H.
Wilson, Christopher
Thomas, Jno. J.

DIMITTED.

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| Frank W. Freund | No. 1 | Dec. 4, 1877. |
| Wm. N. Byers | No. 1 | Jan. 15, 1878. |
| R. C. Webster | No. 1 | Mch. 9, 1878. |
| E. Blakeslee | No. 1 | July 16, 1878. |
| Geo. Wyman Barrett | No. 2 | July 19, 1877. |
| W. A. Elderkin | No. 3 | July 7, 1877. |

DIED.

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| Frank Palmer | No. 1 | Dec. 3, 1877. |
| John M. Rank | No. 2 | Aug. —, 1878. |

SUSPENDED.

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| Thomas Dugan | No. 1 | Dec. 18, 1877. |
| Frank Hall | No. 1 | Dec. 18, 1877. |
| Calvin T. Speer | No. 1 | Dec. 18, 1877. |
| B. W. Rogers | No. 1 | Dec. 18, 1877. |
| Andrew Sagendorf | No. 1 | Dec. 18, 1877. |
| J. J. Vosburg | No. 1 | Dec. 18, 1877. |
| John Wanless | No. 1 | Dec. 18, 1877. |

SUMMARY.

| | No. | CREATED. | ADMITTED. | DIMITTED. | DIED. | SUSPENDED. | MEMBERS. |
|------------------|-----|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------------|----------|
| Denver | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 69 |
| Central City . . | 2 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 41 |
| Pueblo | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 31 |
| Total | | 12 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 141 |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| FROM | | TO |
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| William Fullerton, Black Hawk | Alabama | Daniel Smith, Mobile. |
| David J. Cook, Denver | Arkansas | Samuel L. Griffith, Little Rock. |
| | California | Henry Sayre Orme, Los Angeles. |
| Michael Spangler, Denver | Connecticut | Joseph F. Vodarke, New London. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Georgia | John H. Estill, Savannah. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Illinois | Norman T. Gassett, Chicago. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Iowa | John C. Schrader, Iowa City. |
| | Kansas | Owen A. Bassett, Lawrence. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Louisiana | Michael E. Girard, Opelousas. |
| William N. Byers, Denver | Maine | George M. Howe, Portland. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Maryland | Christian B. Kleibacker, Baltimore. |
| Oliver A. Whittemore, Denver | Massachusetts & Rhode Isl'd | David F. Parker, Worcester, Mass. |
| | Michigan | Hugh McCurdy, Corunna. |
| David C. Collier, Central | Mississippi | Frederick Speed, Vicksburg. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | Missouri | William P. Mullen, St. Louis. |
| Eli M. Ashley, Denver | Nebraska | Daniel H. Wheeler, Plattsburgh. |
| Robert K. Pierson, Denver | New Hampshire | Joseph W. Hildreth, Concord. |
| Peter Winne, Denver | New Jersey | Frederick G. Wiese, Bordenstown. |
| William N. Byers, Denver | New York | |
| William D. Todd, Denver | Ohio | Joshua M. Booth, Cleveland. |
| Harper M. Oranhood, Central | Pennsylvania | William H. Egle, Harrisburg. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | Tennessee | James D. Richardson, Murfreesboro |
| Michael H. Fitch, Pueblo | Wisconsin | Carlos P. Whitford, Beloit. |

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

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| Alabama | Daniel Sayer | Montgomery |
| Arkansas | John W. Kison | Little Rock |
| California | Thomas H. Caswell | San Francisco |
| Canada | Daniel Spry | Toronto |
| Colorado | Ed. C. Parmelee | Georgetown |
| Connecticut | John W. Stedman | Norwich |
| Georgia | Charles R. Armstrong | Macon |
| Illinois | Gil. W. Barnard | Chicago |
| Indiana | John M. Bramwell | Indianapolis |
| Iowa | William B. Langridge | Muscatine |
| Kansas | John H. Brown | Wyandotte |
| Kentucky | L. D. Croninger | Covington |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans |
| Maine | Ira Berry | Portland |
| Maryland | Charles T. Sisco | Baltimore |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | A. F. Chapman | Boston |
| Michigan | William P. Innis | Grand Rapids |
| Minnesota | A. T. C. Pierson | St. Paul |
| Mississippi | J. L. Power | Jackson |
| Missouri | William H. Mayo | St. Louis |
| Nebraska | Wm. R. Bowen | Omaha |
| New Hampshire | George P. Cleaves | Concord |
| New Jersey | Thomas J. Corson | Trenton |
| New York | Robert Macoy | New York |
| Ohio | James Nesbit | Troy |
| Pennsylvania | Charles E. Meyer | Philadelphia |
| Tennessee | Morton B. Howell | Nashville |
| Texas | Robert Brewster | Houston |
| Vermont | J. Monroe Poland | Montpelier |
| Virginia | William B. Isaacs | Richmond |
| West Virginia | George F. Irvine | Wheeling |
| Wisconsin | Charles Putley | Milwaukee |
| United States | Theodore S. Parvin | Iowa City, Iowa |

CODE OF STATUTES

—OF—

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, and the Appendant Orders of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

Jurisdiction.

Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

Objects.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the ancient traditions of the Order.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and, for good cause, annul and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies

under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for willful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

This Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section I, Article II., of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander, elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

A regular conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September, 1878, at the City of Denver, for the dispatch of business, and annually thereafter on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five (\$75) dollars; *Provided, however,* That this shall not apply to petitions heretofore received by any Commandery under this Grand Commandery.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For Dispensation, ninety dollars (\$90), and for Charter the further sum of ten dollars (\$10).

SEC. 3. Each subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of one dollar annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns; a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each annual conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular annual conclave.

SEC. 5. The Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery shall be entitled to the sum of five dollars (\$5) for each dispensation granted, and the further sum of five dollars (\$5) for each charter when issued.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees of three Sir Knights each, viz: -

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next annual conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

FORMS.


FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir ———, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado :

The undersigned, petitioners, respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at ———, and to be known as ——— Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir ———, to be the first Commander; Sir ——— to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir ——— to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at ———, in the County of ———, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the Order.

Dated, ———.

 The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.]

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of ——— Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at ———, Colorado :

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in ——— Lodge,

No. —, and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A., in — Chapter, No. —, and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is —. —. —.

Residence, —. Occupation, —.

Dated at —, Col., —, A. D. 18—.

We recommend Companion — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery, as a worthy Royal Arch Master.

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The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report —.

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—, Col., —, A. D. 18—, A. O. 75—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of — Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at —, Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, and late a member of — Commandery, No. 1, stationed at —, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is —. —. —.

Residence, —. Occupation, —.

—, Col., —, A. D. 18—, A. O. 75—.

We recommend Sir — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

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GRAND OFFICERS

A. D. 1878-79.



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| Sir IRVING W. STANTON..... | Pueblo | G. Commander. |
| Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD | Central | D. G. Commander. |
| Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER | Denver | G. Generalissimo. |
| Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER | Denver | G. Captain-General. |
| Sir FRANCIS GALLUP | Denver | G. Prelate. |
| Sir HORACE N. BANKS | South Pueblo | G. S. Warden. |
| Sir SAMUEL I. LORAH | Central | G. J. Warden. |
| Sir WILLIAM D. TODD | Denver | G. Treasurer. |
| Sir ED. C. PARMLEE | Georgetown | G. Recorder. |
| Sir JOHN A. McMELEN | Pueblo | G. Standard Bearer. |
| Sir BENJ. T. WEES | Black Hawk | G. Sword Bearer. |
| Sir GEORGE M. CHILCOTT | Pueblo | G. Warden. |
| Sir THOMAS LINTON | Denver | G. Chief of Guard. |

COMMITTEE OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir IRVING W. STANTON, G. Commander, Pueblo, Central.

Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, D. G. Commander, Central.

Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, G. Generalissimo, Denver.

Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER, G. Captain-General, Denver.

Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, G. Prelate, Denver.

Sir HORACE N. BANKS, G. S. Warden, South Pueblo.

Sir SAMUEL I. LORAH, G. J. Warden, Central.

Sir WILLIAM D. TODD, G. Treasurer, Denver.

Sir ED. C. PARMLEE, G. Recorder, Georgetown.

Sir JOHN A. McMELEN, G. Standard Bearer, Pueblo.

Sir BENJ. T. WEES, G. Sword Bearer, Black Hawk.

Sir GEORGE M. CHILCOTT, G. Warden, Pueblo.

Sir THOMAS LINTON, G. Chief of Guard, Denver.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF COLORADO



DENVER, COLORADO, 1879

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.



AT ITS FOURTH CONCLAVE.

SEPTEMBER 19, A. D. 1879, A. O. 761.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

1879.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in annual conclave at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery No. 1, in Denver, Friday, September 19th, A. D. 1879, A. O. 761, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, D. G. C.
SIR JAMES M. STRICKLER, G. G.
SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER, G. C. G.
SIR FRANCIS GALLUP, G. Pre.
SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, *as* G. S. W.
SIR OREN H. HENRY, *as* G. J. W.
SIR WILLIAM D. TODD, G. Treas.
SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, G. Rec.
SIR WM. FULLERTON, *as* G. St'd Br.
SIR BENJ. T. WELLS, G. Sw'd Br.
SIR JOHN R. HAMBEL, *as* G. War.
SIR THOMAS LINTON, G. C. of G.

PERMANENT MEMBER.

SIR HENRY M. TELLER, P. G. C.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR WM. FULLERTON, from Alabama.
SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER, from Connecticut.
SIR HENRY M. TELLER, from Georgia and Illinois.
SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, from Louisiana and Maryland.
SIR JAMES M. STRICKLER, from Missouri and Tennessee.
SIR WM. D. TODD, from Ohio.
SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, from Pennsylvania.
SIR MICHAEL H. FITCH, from Wisconsin.

Representatives from all the Subordinate Commanderies and several visiting Sir Knights.

The Grand Commandery was opened in DUE FORM.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Sir Knights Woodbury, Teller and Fullerton were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

After a time they presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following Sir Knights present, and entitled to seats and votes :

H. M. ORAHOOD, Deputy Grand Com.
J. M. STRICKLER, Grand Generalissimo.
M. SPANGLER, Grand Capt. Gen.
FRANCIS GALLUP, Grand Prelate.
WM. D. TODD, Grand Treasurer.
ED. C. PARMELEE, Grand Recorder.
BENJ. T. WELLS, Grand Sword Bearer.
THOS. LINTON, G. C. of the Guard.
H. M. TELLER, P. G. Com.

COLORADO COM. NO. 1.M. SPANGLER, E. C.
R. W. WOODBURY, Gen.
W. D. TODD, C. G.

CENTRAL CITY COM. NO. 2. . . H. M. ORAHOOD, E. C.
WM. FULLERTON, Gen.
B. T. WELLS, C. G.

PUEBLO COM. NO. 3.M. H. FITCH, E. C.

We find R. E. SIR T. J. ANDERSON, Representative of the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States for the Ninth District comprising the States of Missouri, Colorado and Kansas, present, and entitled to a seat in this Grand Body.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY,
H. M. TELLER,
WM. FULLERTON.

Representative of the Grand Master of the United States, R. E. Sir Knight Thomas J. Anderson, was introduced and addressed the Commandery.

Sir Harper M. OrahooD, D. G. C., delivered the following

ADDRESS.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Since my arrival in Denver this week, I find that our Grand Commander, Sir Irving W. Stanton, is necessarily absent from the State, and will not be present with us at this our Third Annual Conclave. It therefore becomes my duty, in his absence, to preside, and discharge the duties of Grand Commander.

I am unable to make any report as to the official acts of the Grand Commander during the past year. He will probably submit a report so that it may be published with our proceedings.

April 1, 1879, the Grand Commander being absent from the State, I issued a dispensation to Sir Kt. Horace N. Banks to install the officers elect of Pueblo Commandery No. 3 on the 5th day of April, 1879. This dispensation was returned to me with an endorsement that the officers had been duly installed in accordance therewith. This has been my only official act during the year.

I know of no legislation required at this time, and have heard of no grievances or complaints to be passed upon.

Our session will be short, but let me express the hope that it may not be unprofitable.

We meet here annually to transact such business and adopt such legislation as, in the judgment of the representatives present, the good of our Order may require; and for the further, and fully as important purpose, to exchange fraternal greetings and knightly courtesies.

Sir Knights, let our present conclave, as have been those past, be characterized by harmony and unity of action and feeling, and redound to the usefulness of our Order, and add another page to our history as a Grand Commandery unsullied by any act but such as we should expect from the courteous, brave and true.

And may He who is a strong tower and defence to those who put their trust in Him, have you ever in His holy keeping, bless and prosper each of you in all your laudable undertakings.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

The Grand Recorder read the following communication from the Grand Commander:

NEW YORK, September 13, 1879.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

SIR KNIGHTS:—Occupying, as I do, the position of Grand Commander, I regret sincerely the circumstances which prevent me from being present at

the fourth annual conclave of our Grand Commandery ; but private business of importance requires my attention here, and I could not attend your session without making a trip for that purpose.

Having been absent from the State much of the time during the year past, I am not in possession of sufficient data to give a full and extended report ; but from information I have received I am justified in saying that our Order is in a prosperous condition, and harmony reigns within our borders.

I have made the following appointments for Grand Representatives :

May 10, 1879, E. Sir Charles F. Scott, of Parkersburg, near the Grand Commandery of West Virginia.

May 14, 1879, R. E. Sir Salathiel T. Williams, of Kendallville, near the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

I have not had occasion to perform any other official duty during the year.

At our last annual conclave a committee was appointed to make necessary arrangements for attending the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment to be held in Chicago in August next. I am not advised of the progress made by the committee, but hope Colorado will be fully represented on that occasion, and ample accommodations secured.

I trust that your session will be a pleasant one ; that the result of your labors will redound to the great benefit of our Order, and that the sublime principles we profess and inculcate may animate and encourage each and every member.

In returning to you the important trust for a time confided to me, permit me to thank you for this mark of confidence and esteem, and to express my deep regret that I have not been able to devote more time and attention to the duties of the position, and more acceptably show my appreciation of your favor.

Courteously,

IRVING W. STANTON,

GRAND COMMANDER OF COLORADO.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Deputy Grand Commander appointed the following committees :

On Finance—

SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER.

SIR WM. FULLERTON.

SIR MICHAEL H. FITCH.

On Returns and Work—

SIR GRAND RECORDER.

SIR WILLIAM D. TODD.

SIR BENJ. T. WELLS.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

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On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals—

SIR HENRY M. TELLER.

SIR FRANCIS GALLUP.

SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY.

On Printing and Miscellaneous Business—

SIR GRAND RECORDER.

SIR WM. D. TODD.

SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY.

REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The following reports were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

WM. D. TODD, Grand Treasurer,

In ac. with GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, COLORADO.

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| Sept. 20, 1878, To Balance | \$ 77 95 |
| Jan. 22, 1879, To cash from E. C. Parmelee, Gr. Recorder . . . | 88 00 |
| Mar. 23, 1879, To cash from Grand Recorder | 41 00 |
| Sept. 16, 1879, To cash from Grand Recorder | 133 51 |
| July 1, 1879, To cash, Interest allowed by Safe Deposit Bank . . | 4 68 |

\$345 14

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By warrants paid during the year, and enclosed herewith :

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| No. 13 | \$ 8 00 |
| No. 14 | 25 00 |
| No. 15 | 93 00 |

\$126 00

Sept. 19, 1879, To cash balance (for which find certified check enclosed)

\$219 14

\$345 14

Courteously submitted,

WM. D. TODD,

Denver, Colo., Sept. 19, 1879.

GRAND TREASURER.

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

All the Commanderies have made returns and paid dues.

The returns show:

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| Created | 5 |
| Admitted | 1 |
| Reinstated | 4 |
| Total | 10 |
| Died | 2 |
| Dimitted | 3 |
| Suspended | 13 |
| Stricken from the roll | 6 |
| Total | 24 |

A membership of 127, and a loss in membership, since last returns, of 14

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

I have drawn warrants on Sir Grand Treasurer :

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| On account of Salaries | \$33 00 |
| On account of Printing | 93 00 |
| Total | \$126 00 |

I have received :

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| On account of Assessment | \$129 00 |
| On account of Proceedings sold | 1 10 |
| On account of Dues | 152 00 |
| Total | \$282 10 |

I have paid :

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| On account of Postage | \$ 7 59 |
| On account of Freight and Express | 1 10 |
| On account of Stationery and Printing | 3 75 |
| On account of Dues Grand Encampment | 7 15 |
| On account of Grand Treasurer | 262 51 |
| Total | \$282 10 |

The books and proceedings of the Grand Commandery have been placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

Courteously submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,

GRAND RECORDER.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

On motion of Sir Teller, the annual election was then held, Sirs Todd and Hambel acting as tellers, resulting in the election of—

Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Central, Grand Commander.
 Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, Denver, Deputy Grand Commander.
 Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER, Denver, G. Generalissimo.
 Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH, Pueblo, G. Captain General.
 Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, Denver, G. Prelate.
 Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON, Black Hawk, G. S. Warden.
 Sir JOHN R. HAMBEL, Georgetown, G. J. Warden.
 Sir WM. D. TODD, Denver, G. Treasurer.
 Sir ED. C. PARMELEE, Georgetown, G. Recorder.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Grand Recorder presented the Report on Correspondence, prepared by Sir Roger W. Woodbury, which was received and ordered published with the proceedings of this Grand Conclave.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that we have examined the annual reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find the same to be correct.

Denver, Sept. 19, 1879.

M. SPANGLER.

M. H. FITCH.

WM. FULLERTON.

The Committee on Returns and Work presented the following, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Returns and Work have examined the several returns, and find them correct.

W. D. TODD.

B. T. WELLS.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Recorder read the following list of appointed officers :

Sir GEORGE M. CHILCOTT, Pueblo, G. Standard Bearer.

Sir FRANK CHURCH, Denver, G. Sword Bearer.

Sir BENJ. T. WELLS, Black Hawk, G. Warder.

Sir THOMAS LINTON, Denver, G. Capt. of Guard.

INSTALLATION.

R. E. Sir Thomas J. Anderson, P. G. Commander of Kansas, assisted by P. G. Commander Sir Henry M. Teller, then installed the elected and appointed officers.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Recorder presented the credentials as Grand Representatives near the Grand Commandery of Colorado, of--

Sir IRVING W. STANTON, from Indiana.

Sir JOHN R. HAMBEL, from West Virginia.

On motion of Sir Knight Fitch, the Sir Knights named were courteously received and accepted as Representatives from said Grand Commanderies.

PAY OF OFFICERS.

Sir Knight Fitch offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That warrants are hereby ordered drawn on Grand Treasurer in favor of Grand Recorder for \$25, and in favor of the Grand Captain of the Guard for \$8, for services.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following Committees :

On Jurisprudence—

Sir IRVING W. STANTON, Pueblo.
Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver.
Sir HENRY M. TELLER, Central.

On Correspondence—

Sir FRANCIS GALLUP, Denver.
Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH, Pueblo.
Sir GRAND RECORDER.

On Arrangements for the Twenty-first Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States—

Sir HENRY M. TELLER, Central.
Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver.
Sir IRVING W. STANTON, Pueblo.
Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, DENVER.
Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Central.

THANKS.

Sir Knight Fitch offered the following, which was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1 for the free use of their Asylum for this meeting of the Grand Commandery.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes were then read and approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Colorado was closed in solemn and Knightly

form, to meet in Denver on Friday after the third Tuesday of September, A. D. 1880, at 10 o'clock A. M.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,

Grand Commander.

Attest—

E. H. Farmer

Grand Recorder.



Appendix.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have had under review the proceedings of the following-named Grand bodies:

Arkansas,
Alabama,
Canada,
Connecticut,
Georgia,
Indiana,
Illinois,
Iowa,
Kansas,
Kentucky,
Louisiana,
Massachusetts & Rhode Island,

Missouri,
Michigan,
Maryland,
New York,
New Jersey,
New Hampshire,
Nebraska,
Ohio,
Pennsylvania,
Tennessee,
Virginia,
Wisconsin.

Your committee have made no effort to produce a literary document, or pass compliments with committees from other jurisdictions. We have expressed no opinion upon any action of any Grand Body, because such opinion could only be an individual matter. We understand the duty of a committee on Foreign Correspondence to be to report in a condensed form such *facts* concerning other Grand jurisdictions, and their proceedings, as will be of interest and give information to Sir Knights in this jurisdiction. The proceedings cannot be furnished to each member, hence the appointment of a committee to compile

the facts for their perusal. Whatever our opinion may be upon the matters and things stated, each Sir Knight is competent to form his own, and these would be as much Templar law or precedent as any we might express. Your committee has also borne in mind that this is a young jurisdiction, and with but three commanderies. Hence, on financial grounds it is necessary to curtail the report more than would otherwise be the case, and more than the committee desired. We found many matters referred to in the proceedings reviewed, which we would have been pleased to quote, but refrained for the reason stated.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY,

For the Committee.

ALABAMA.

The Nineteenth Annual was held at Montgomery, May 21, 1879, William S. Foster, Grand Commander, presiding. He reported no questions presented to him for decision. The Order seems not to be flourishing in Alabama. In 1875 there were eleven commanderies with 234 members. Now there are but seven commanderies with 200 members. But three commanderies have conferred the orders during the past year. The treasury has \$545.46. Wm. S. Foster, of Mobile, was re-elected Grand Commander, and Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

An annual conclave was held at Little Rock, Oct. 3, 1877; Elbert H. English, Grand Commander, presiding. He made no address, as the funds (\$47.10) were insufficient to have it printed. Four commanderies were represented. Sir English was re-elected Grand Commander, and John W. Rison, of Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

On account of alarm from yellow fever no annual was held in 1878, but the Grand Commander called a special in lieu thereof, at Little Rock, on the 8th of January, 1879, at which four commanderies were represented. The treasury showed a balance of \$108.35. The death of Grand Warder George A. Gallagher was reported. A special committee on drill and tactics was appointed to report at the next annual. James H. Van Hoose, of Fayetteville, was elected Grand Commander, and John W. Rison, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA.

The Third Annual of the National Great Priory of Canada was held at Montreal October 11, 1878, Great Prior W. J. B. Macleod Moore presiding. He strongly opposed incorporating the Red Cross and Royal and Select Masters as a pre-requisite for the Canadian orders. He thought that though Canada and the United States differed in many points, there was no reason why their amicable relations should not continue. The Grand Council in their report characterized the declination of the Grand Encampment of the United States to accept the Great Priory as its peer, as "assuming an unwarranted and pretentious superiority." The Committee on Correspondence say of Colorado, that "It is pleasant to note that in these Western Wilds the Templar Order has taken root. No doubt its teachings and practices will have due influence in softening the asperities of life in the Far West. God speed to the Grand Commandery of Colorado!"

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Conclave was held at Hartford on the 18th of March, 1879, Frederick H. Parmelee, Grand Commander, presiding. Among the business transacted was

the levying of an assessment to make up deficiencies. The representative of Colorado was received and acknowledged. Charles W. Carter, of Norwich, was elected Grand Commander, and John W. Stedman, of Norwich, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

The Seventeenth Annual was held at Savannah on the 15th of May, 1878, William J. Pollard, Grand Commander, presiding. He reported that after his election as Grand Commander, being also Eminent Commander of a subordinate Commandery, he declared the latter office vacant, and issued a dispensation for a special election to fill the vacancy. The Grand Commandery had public exercises at a church, and an excursion down the river to Tybee Island. They also had a public dress parade. It has \$208.82. in the treasury. William J. Pollard was elected Grand Commander, and Charles R. Armstrong Grand Recorder.

The Eighteenth Annual was begun at Augusta May 21, 1879, William J. Pollard, Grand Commander, presiding. His address brings into striking opposition the avowed belief of Sir Knights in the Christian religion and their readiness to use profane language. In this particular at least there seems to be a demand for "reform." The Grand Commandery had a barbeque picnic, a street parade, church services, and awarded a prize banner for drilling to Palestine Commandery No. 7, though it had no competition. There is \$268.19 in the Treasury. Charles R. Armstrong was elected Grand Commander, and Andrew M. Walihin Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

The Twenty-second Annual was held at Chicago Oct. 22, 1878, John F. Nash, Grand Commander, presiding. A resolution was postponed to the next annual levying an

assessment of \$2.00 per member throughout the State, to meet the expenses of the General Grand Encampment in Chicago in 1880. Sir Norman T. Gassette was received and accredited as the representative of the Grand Commandery of Colorado. The committee on Foreign Correspondence allude to Colorado as an "interesting and enterprising jurisdiction." It was reported that most of the commanderies in Illinois attended divine service on Easter Sunday. Among the decisions of the Grand Commander were that a commandery may require by resolution, its treasurer and recorder to give bonds. That a Sir Knight clear of the books and in good standing is entitled to a demit upon application. That a Sir Knight may be suspended for non-payment of an assessment made by unanimous vote of the Commandery to pay its debts. Robert L. McKinley was elected Grand Commander, and Gilbert W. Barnard, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The Twenty-fifth Annual was held at Indianapolis April 29, 1879, Alex. Thomas, Grand Commander, presiding. Nine Past Grand Commanders were present. The Grand Commander had no decisions to report, but recommended a grand drill at the next Annual, which was agreed to. Cash in the treasury, \$2,524.35; number of commanderies, 27; order of Knights Templar and Malta conferred, 117; membership, 1,854; decrease of same, 75. S. T. Williams, of Kendallville, elected Grand Commander, and John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder. Of Colorado, the report on Foreign Correspondence says:

There was no report on correspondence, and no acknowledgment of the proceedings of any kindred body. The latter is a mistake. While the stricture is here made applicable to Colorado, it also applies to other Grand Jurisdictions, much older. It is a good rule to acknowledge the

courtesies of all sister Commanderies wherever extended, and costs but little.

IOWA.

The Fifteenth Annual was held at Marshalltown, on the 17th of October, 1878, Frank W. Angel, Deputy Grand Commander, presiding. The address of Grand Commander George B. Van Saun was read. He announced the death of Henry Coe Leighton, Past Grand Captain General. His remarks upon the use of profane language and intoxicating drinks by Sir Knights, were striking and timely. He reported having issued dispensations to permit several commanderies to turn out on Decoration day. He refrained from reporting any decisions, so as not to entangle any successor in office. Carrying out this idea the Grand Commandery ordered the printing of the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence discontinued, as being a useless expense. The tactics of Sir H. B. Grant, of Louisville, were adopted. Cash in the treasury, \$157.28. The representative of Colorado was received and recognized. Frank Neeley, of Waterloo, was elected Grand Commander, and Wm. B. Langridge, Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

The Eleventh Annual was held at Emporia, May 13, 1879, B. J. F. Hanna, Grand Commander, presiding. He reports issuing two dispensations for new commanderies, and a special order inviting all commanderies and individual Sir Knights to attend in full uniform a big temperance camp meeting at Lawrence. Emporia Commandery, No. 8, exemplified the orders of knighthood to the Grand Commandery. Two charters were issued, and two prizes were offered for the best drilling in 1880. Cash on hand, \$744.65.

The report on correspondence is voluminous, in relation to Colorado. 14 Subordinate Commanderies; 70 Knighted; 508 members. Edwin D. Hillyer, of Valley Falls, elected Grand Commander, and John H. Brown, of Wyandotte, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The thirty-second annual was held at Henderson, May 14, 1879, W. La Rue Thomas, Grand Commander, presiding. Among his decisions was that the correct record of the proceedings of a meeting cannot be altered or amended by another conclave, although, of course, the latter may undo the work of the former. It was voted that metal buttons are appropriate for uniform coats of Knights Templar. Sir Robert Morris was endorsed in his proposed visit to the Holy Land to investigate the origin of Knight Templarism. We will be pardoned for saying that having heard Sir Morris' lecture upon this theme, we supposed he knew all about it without making another pilgrimage there. There were not sufficient funds on hand to meet the expenses of the session of the Grand Commandery, but a prize banner was awarded to the De Molay Commandery No. 12 for the best drill. Wm. Ryan, of Louisville, was elected Grand Commander, and L. D. Croninger, of Covington, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

The sixteenth annual assembled at New Orleans on the 14th of February, 1879, Samuel Alston, Grand Commander, presiding. Three out of four commanderies were represented. The address of the Grand Commander acknowledged the receipt of \$1,113 for yellow fever sufferers, which sum was ample to meet all demands. He recommended a change in the date of religious services by subordinate com-

manderies, from St. John the Baptist's Day to Easter Sunday, on account of the heat. This idea was further changed by committee, making it St. John the Evangelist's Day. The Grand Commandery has \$151.97 in the treasury. It elected Edward Baker, of New Orleans, Grand Commander, and Richard Lambert, Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

A special conclave was held at Baltimore, April 14, 1879, to install the officers of five subordinate commanderies. The annual was held at Baltimore, May 14, 1879, Jacob E. Krebs, Grand Commander, presiding. In his address he reported having visited all the subordinate commanderies but one. The tactics of Sir Robinson, of Detroit, having been adopted, were put in practice. Sir C. B. Kleibacker was received as the Grand Representative of Colorado, and the appointment of Sir R. W. Woodbury as Grand Representative of Maryland near the Grand Commandery of Colorado, was approved. The report on correspondence sharply comments on the failure of Grand Master Hurlburt's representative to visit the Grand Commandery of Colorado in person. Money on hand, \$796.74. Number of commanderies, 8; Knighted, 27; members, 749. F. J. S. Gorgas was elected Grand Commander, and C. T. Sisco, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

A semi-annual was held at Boston, May 29, 1878, John Dean, Grand Commander, presiding. It was voted that if a commandery fails to have its annual returns and dues in the hands of the Grand Recorder on the 10th of October, it shall have no voice or vote at the next annual. The seventy-third annual was held at Boston, October 30, 1878, John Dean, Grand Commander, presiding, thirty-four com-

manderies being represented, and 113 votes. The Grand Commander reported the expenses to have exceeded the income for the past four years. The revenue depends in great measure upon the amount of work done, and not upon the total membership. Each Commandery pays \$5; and an additional \$4 for each Knight created. The death of Past Deputy G. M. John McClellan was announced. John Dean, of Worcester, was re-elected Grand Commander, and Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, Grand Recorder. From the report of the Committee on Code and Digest, we quote the following paragraph:

Your committee do not, however, regard it as the duty of the Grand Commandery, as a loyal subordinate of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to subject its constitution to all the vicissitudes and changes, either in principle or policy, which may arise under the varying legislations or official decisions of the General Grand Body, and especially when fundamental doctrines, and long settled usages of Masonry, are ignored by such legislation or decision. It would hardly be consistent for this Grand Commandery to sanction the adoption of a principle or a regulation which it regards as unmasonic or otherwise unsound by incorporating it into its own constitution.

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-third annual was held at Detroit, on the 13th of May, 1879, Hollis F. Knapp, Grand [Commander, presiding. Work on the Red Cross was exemplified in the evening by Detroit Commandery, No. 1. The Grand Commandery assisted valiantly at the banquet. During the past year, three valuable Past Grand Commander's jewels have been prepared and presented to the six Knights entitled to receive them, and an order was passed that all the Past Grand Commanders of the jurisdiction should be so served the next year. A committee was appointed to revise the ritual, and another to arrange for Michigan's rep-

resentation at the coming triennial. The treasury holds \$707.18. Frank Henderson, of Kalamazoo, elected Grand Commander, and Wm. P. Innes, of Grand Rapids, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The eighteenth annual was held at St. Louis, October 8, 1878, John R. Parson, Grand Commander, presiding. He had issued two dispensations for new Commanderies during the year, and had visited every subordinate Commandery in the jurisdiction—a labor never before accomplished in Missouri. Among his decisions was one that a Commandery cannot act as escort for a Lodge at the burial of a member of the Lodge who is not a Sir Knight. This was approved by the Grand Commandery, although the committee on jurisprudence reported against it, on the ground that the escort is to the Lodge and not to its deceased member. The Grand Commandery issued one charter, and received and acknowledged the representative from Colorado. There being \$1,838 in the treasury, the Recorder and Treasurer were ordered to give bonds. C. J. Atkins, of St. Louis, was elected Grand Commander, and Wm. H. Mayo, of St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

The sixth annual was held at Omaha, April 30, 1878, Daniel H. Wheeler, Deputy Grand Commander, presiding. An address from Grand Commander James W. Moore, was read. He advised an annual field camp, as the best means of promoting perfect drill. The Grand Secretary gave the Grand Representatives a sharp reminder that it is their duty in Nebraska to prepare the reports on Foreign Correspondence. The Grand Commandery participated in a reception and banquet. Nebraska had a rule that subordinate Commanderies should charge \$50 in addition to the

regular fees for the Orders, with the proceeds of which each newly-made Knight should be presented with a uniform. The plan seems not to have worked well, as its repeal is recommended. An annual offer of a \$25 prize banner was made, to be contested for at each annual field encampment. An assessment of forty cents per member, to pay the expenses of the encampment, was rejected. D. H. Wheeler was elected Grand Commander, and William R. Bowen, Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual conclave for 1878, was held on the 24th of September, at Concord, Chancey H. Greene, Grand Commander, presiding. Albert S. Wait, of Newport, was elected Grand Commander, and Geo. P. Cleaves, of Concord, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The twentieth annual was held at Trenton, on the 10th of September, 1878, Jona. E. Forrester, Grand Commander, presiding. He reported having divided the jurisdiction into districts for visitation by the Deputy Grand Commander, Generalissimo and Captain-General, each of whom made interesting and critical reports of the bodies visited. The representative of Colorado, was received with appropriate honors. Commandery No. 1 presented the Grand Commandery with a beautiful standard. The financial standing of the Grand Commandery is represented by \$1,250.59 in the treasury. Martin M. Drohan, of Jersey City, was elected Grand Commander, and Thomas J. Corson, Grand Recorder. The latter officer, Past Grand Commander, died on the 10th day of May, 1879, and his place was filled by the appointment of Geo. B. Edwards, Past Grand Commander.

NEW YORK.

The fifty-sixth annual was held at Syracuse, on the 8th of October, 1878, Townsend Fonday, Grand Commander, presiding. In his address he referred to the deaths of Past Grand Commanders Ezra S. Barnum, Orrin Welch and Henry C. Preston. He thinks when Grand Officers visit subordinate Commanderies, there is too little drill and too much banqueting. He had refused to allow Commanderies to parade on Decoration Day. Among his decisions were that the jurisdiction of a Commandery must be defined by an air line. Suspension for non-payment of dues in a Lodge or Chapter, does not vacate membership in the Commandery. The charter must be present at every conclave. A Red Cross Knight cannot be estopped from further progress, except upon charges, trial and being found guilty. The exemplification of the orders was directed to take place at each annual. Amount in the treasury \$4,644.67. Charles H. Holden, of Saratoga, elected Grand Commander, and Robert Macoy, of Brooklyn, Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The thirty-sixth annual convened at Put-in-Bay, on the 27th of August, 1878, Brenton D. Babcock, Grand Commander, presiding. Among his official acts, he reported his refusal to permit Commanderies to join with citizens and soldiers in the celebration of occasions not Masonic. He had decided that a petition for membership may be renewed at any time after rejection. A petition for the Orders may be withdrawn for ineligibility, and so not subject the applicant to rejection. A member merely entered suspended, and not by vote of the Commandery, for non-payment of dues, is restored to membership by payment of dues, and then is entitled to a dimit, unless charges be preferred. There is \$5,903.94 in the treasury.

There was a grand public review, inspection and drill by the Knights, which called forth a congratulatory general order from the Grand Commander. Brenton D. Babcock, of Cleveland, was re-elected Grand Commander; James Nesbitt, of Troy, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The twenty-sixth annual was held at Allentown, on the 27th of May, 1879, Samuel B. Dick, Grand Commander, presiding. Previous to the opening, the Mayor of the city presented the hospitalities of the city to the Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander announced the appointment of Sir H. M. Orahoad, as Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Colorado. The Grand Prelate resigned during the year, and the Grand Commander appointed another. Two Subordinate Commanderies had made a pilgrimage to Europe during the year, and the Grand Commander issued letters of credence to each Sir Knight. His address condemns a Pennsylvania practice of electioneering for masonic offices by the sending of postal cards, etc. A jewel and shoulder straps were presented to the retiring Grand Commander. The Grand Commandery voted that the Grand Commander cannot change or set aside a by-law of a subordinate commandery, and it can only be done in the manner prescribed in the by-laws themselves. A new ritual was adopted. A public parade and review was held, a reception at the opera house, and a public installation. Cash in the treasury, \$2,035.33; number knighted, 220; number members, 5,817. John P. S. Gobin elected Grand Commander, and Charles E. Meyer, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The Sixteenth Annual was held at Nashville, May 2, 1878, Edward R. T. Worsham, Grand Commander, presiding. He reported that he had declined permitting a subor-

dinate commandery to take part in the decoration of the graves of federal soldiers. It was voted that the Order of the Temple shall not be conferred unless the candidate shall have procured a regulation uniform, or deposited a sufficient amount to procure it. The dues of the Commandery which received and entertained the members of the Grand Commandery, were remitted for one year. The treasury has \$949.50 on hand. Wilbur Fiske Foster, of Nashville, was elected Grand Commander, and Morton B. Howell, of Nashville, Grand Recorder.

The Seventeenth Annual was held at Pulaski, on the 8th day of May, 1879, W. F. Foster, Grand Commander, presiding. His address announced the death of Past Grand Commander, K. T. Worsham. He had appointed Sir J. M. Strickler Grand Representative in Colorado, which was approved. In his address he announced the opinion that it was as much the *duty* of a commandery to qualify itself for public parade as for work in the asylum. Sir James D. Richardson was presented and received as the Grand Representative from Colorado, and made some pleasant remarks. The Grand Commandery ordered a registry made of each Sir Knight in the jurisdiction—each account not to exceed ten lines. There is \$729 in the treasury, and one subordinate commandery is so well taken care of that every member has paid dues to date. The Grand Commandery attended a concert in the evening, previous to which a prize was won by Nashville Commandery for the best drilling—but there was no competition. Geo. C. Connor, of Chattanooga, was elected Grand Commander, and M. B. Howell, of Nashville, Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA.

The annual begun at Norfolk on the 12th of November, 1878, Robt. E. Withers, Grand Commander, presiding.

An address of welcome was delivered by J. F. Rogers, E. C., which was responded to by the Grand Commander. In his annual address he reported Templar Masonry prosperous. He had issued one dispensation for a new commandery. He had used his influence to heal the wounds of the late war by giving permission to subordinate commanderies to turn out at the dedication of monuments to the confederate dead. He had decided that an officer of a commandery U. D., could resign, but a member could not withdraw. He announced the death of Past Grand Commander John R. McDaniel. The Grand Commandery issued one charter. A new ritual was exemplified and adopted, and it was voted that there shall annually be delivered an address before the Grand Commandery by some Sir Knight appointed by the Grand Commander, upon the nature, character, principles and practice of the Templar-Mason's duties. The Sir Knights accepted an invitation to breakfast in Portsmouth and attended an oyster roast in the evening. R. E. James Gaskin Bain was elected Grand Commander, and Wm. Bryan Isaacs, Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

The twentieth annual was held at Portage, September 3, 1878, John W. Woodhull, Grand Commander, presiding. This officer reported the adoption in committee of the tactics of Sir Knight Robinson, of Detroit. In regard to non-attendance at meetings of the Sir Knights, he expressed the opinion that they will attend if the officers do their duty. The Templar Drill Club of Milwaukee, gave a fine drill exhibition to the Grand Commandery. The finances of the Grand Commandery show a balance of \$246.24. John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, was re-elected Grand Commander, and Charles P. Utley, of the same place, Grand Recorder.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1879.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1—DENVER, ARAPAHOE
COUNTY.*[Stated Conclaves, first and third Tuesdays in each month.]*

OFFICERS.

Michael Spangler, E. C.
 Roger W. Woodbury, G.
 William D. Todd, C. G.
 Frank Church, P.
 George C. Roberts, S. W.
 Samuel M. Allen, J. W.

Peter Winne, Treas.
 Oliver A. Whittemore, Rec'r.
 Flavius N. Davis, St'd B'r.
 David J. Cook, Sw'd B'r.
 Edmund A. Willoughby, War.
 Thomas Linton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

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| Anthony, Webster D. | Elbert, Samuel H. | McCarty, Leander |
| Ashley, Eli M. | Fisher, Cyrus W. | McLellan, W. W. |
| Austin, Schuyler D. | Ford, Frank | McConnell, J. G. |
| Allen, Henry E. | Finch, P. Voorheis | McCarty, A. J. |
| Boone, A. G. | Gallup, Francis | Otis, Oran G. |
| Brown, J. Sidney | Gird, Christ C. | Pierson, Robert K. |
| Billings, George N. | Griffin, Fred F. | Reynolds, J. E. |
| Bayles, Benjamin H. | Goodwin, H. S. | Routt, John L. |
| Blair, Thomas W. | Hutchins, Samuel H. | Sopris, Richard |
| Clarke, Clarence J. | Henry, Oren H. | Strickler, James M. |
| Cheesman, Walter S. | Henry, Albert T. | Sayre, Alfred |
| Clough, Henry A. | Johnstone, E. W. | Tuttle, Herman B. |
| Christian, Wm. A. | Kountze, Charles B. | Wheeler, Byron A. |
| Dailey, John L. | Kavenagh, R. F. | Watkins, Leonard A. |
| Danielson, Frank M. | Loper, Edward J. | Wilson, Andrew D. |
| Dieterichs, W. F. | Lambert, Joseph | Wilson, William J. |
| Evans, John | | |

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY, No. 2.—CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

[*Stated Conclave, third Thursday in each Month.*]

OFFICERS.

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| Orahood, Harper M., E. C. | Best, John, Treas. |
| Fullerton, Wm., G. | Lorah, Sam'l I., Rec. |
| Wells, Benj. T., C. G. | Hutchinson, James, St'd B. |
| Collier, David C., P. | Mabee, Geo. W., Sw'd B. |
| Potter, Thos. H., S. W. | Clinton, Ed. F., W. |
| Moseley, Richard W., J. W. | Pugh, Geo. A., C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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| Bates, Walter. | Lechner, Geo. W. | Roberts, Daniel. |
| Butler, Hugh. | Love, Joseph A. | Sayr, Hal. |
| Cornish, Thomas. | Lake, Richard C. | Smith, J. Alden. |
| Criley, Wm. W. | Mack, Jacob. | Teller, Henry M. |
| Hambel, Jno. R. | Munson, Geo. C. | Tallman, Jacob. |
| Haskell, Noah D. | Newcomb, Henry E. | Van Deren, Arch J. |
| Joblin, Wm. J. | Nichols, Foster. | Watson, Joseph W. |
| Johnson, Albert. | Parmelee, Ed. C. | Ware, Wm. W. |

PUEBLO COMMANDERY, No. 3.—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[*Stated Conclave first Saturday in each Month.*]

OFFICERS.

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| M. H. Fitch, E. C. | Geo. W. Morgan, Treas. |
| G. M. Chilcott, G. | J. G. Morton, Rec'r. |
| J. A. McMurtrie, C. G. | W. W. Strait, St'd B. |
| F. H. Shrock, P. | G. W. Perkins, Sw'd B. |
| R. F. Lytle, S. W. | Chris. Wilson, War. |
| H. N. Banks, J. W. | J. J. Pochon, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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| J. A. Bartels. | H. M. Morse. | W. B. Kane. |
| A. Clough. | R. E. McAnulty. | G. H. Hard. |
| B. F. Crary. | M. A. Blunt. | A. Grant. |
| Matt France. | Geo. H. Root. | I. W. Stanton. |
| H. B. Keeler. | H. C. Thatcher. | J. R. DeReamer. |
| Chas. Goodnight. | J. J. Thomas. | Chas. H. Williams. |

DIMITTED.

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| Henry C. Olney | No. 1 | Nov. 19, 1878. |
| J. R. Pollock | No. 1 | Dec. 3, 1878. |
| A. J. Bean | No. 1 | Aug. 19, 1879. |

DIED.

Pueblo No. 3, reports two deaths. Names and dates not given.

STRICKEN FROM ROLL.

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| Geo. H. Adams | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| Wm. Z. Cozens | No. 2 | —, —, —. |
| Chas. A. Hoyt | No. 2 | —, —, —. |
| James Stevens | No. 2 | —, —, —. |
| Chase Withrow | No. 2 | —, —, —. |
| H. A. McIntyre | No. 3 | —, —, —. |

SUSPENDED.

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| A. J. Bean | No. 1 | Dec. 3, 1878. |
| E. W. Cobb | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| Geo. C. Corning | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| W. A. Christian | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| F. F. Griffin | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| R. L. Hatten | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| W. R. Howell | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| W. W. McLellan | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| J. P. Maxwell | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| C. J. Mahar | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| J. P. Pringle | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| D. A. Robinson | No. 1 | —, —, —. |
| B. T. Vincent | No. 1 | —, —, —. |

REINSTATED.

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| F. F. Griffin | No. 1 | Dec. 17, 1878. |
| W. W. McLellan | No. 1 | Dec. 17, 1878. |
| W. A. Christian | No. 1 | Dec. 17, 1878. |
| A. J. Bean | No. 1 | Aug. 19, 1879. |

SUMMARY.

| | No. | CREATED. | ADMITTED. | REINSTATED. | DIMITTED. | DIED. | STRICKEN FROM ROLL. | SUSPENDED. | MEMBERS. |
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| Denver | 1 | 4 | ... | 4 | 3 | ... | ... | 13 | 61 |
| Central City | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | ... | 36 |
| Pueblo | 3 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | 30 |
| Total | ... | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 127 |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES,

| FROM | | TO |
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| William Fullerton, Black Hawk. | Alabama | Daniel Smith, Mobile. |
| David J. Cook, Denver | Arkansas | Samuel L. Griffith, Little Rock. |
| Michael Spangler, Denver | California | Henry Sayre Orme, Los Angeles. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Connecticut | Joseph F. Wydenwike, New London. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Georgia | John H. Edell, Savannah. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Illinois | Norman T. Cassette, Chicago. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Indiana | Salathiel T. Williams, Kendallville. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Iowa | John C. Schrader, Iowa City. |
| William N. Byers, Denver | Kansas | Orwin A. Bassett, Lawrence. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Louisiana | Michael E. Grand, Opelousas. |
| Oliver A. Whittemore, Denver | Maine | George M. Howe, Portland. |
| David C. Collier, Central | Maryland | Christian B. Kiebacker, Baltimore. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | Massachusetts and Rhode Island | David F. Parker, Worcester, Mass. |
| Ed M. Ashley, Denver | Michigan | Hugh McCurdy, Corvina. |
| Robert K. Pierson, Denver | Mississippi | Frederick Speed, Vicksburg. |
| Peter Winne, Denver | Missouri | William P. Mullen, St. Louis. |
| William N. Byers, Denver | Nebraska | Daniel H. Wheeler, Plattsburgh. |
| William D. Todd, Denver | New Hampshire | Joseph W. Hildreth, Concord. |
| Harper M. Orahood, Central | New Jersey | Frederick G. Wise, Bordenstown. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | New York | Joshua M. Smith, Cleveland. |
| John R. Hamel, Georgetown | Ohio | William H. Ege, Harrisburg. |
| Michael H. Fitch, Pueblo | Pennsylvania | James D. Richardson, Murfreesboro. |
| | Tennessee | |
| | West Virginia | |
| | Wisconsin | Carlos P. Whitford, Beloit. |

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

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| Alabama | Daniel Sayer | Montgomery |
| Arkansas | John W. Rison | Little Rock |
| California | Thomas H. Caswell | San Francisco |
| Canada | Daniel Spry | Toronto |
| Colorado | Ed. C. Parmelee | Georgetown |
| Connecticut | John W. Stedman | Norwich |
| Georgia | Andrew M. Wolihin | Macon |
| Illinois | Gil. W. Barnard | Chicago |
| Indiana | John M. Bramwell | Indianapolis |
| Iowa | William B. Langridge | Muscatine |
| Kansas | John H. Brown | Wyandotte |
| Kentucky | L. D. Croninger | Covington |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans |
| Maine | Ira Berry | Portland |
| Maryland | Charles T. Sisco | Baltimore |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | A. F. Chapman | Boston |
| Michigan | William P. Innes | Grand Rapids |
| Minnesota | A. T. C. Pierson | St. Paul |
| Mississippi | J. L. Power | Jackson |
| Missouri | William H. Mayo | St. Louis |
| Nebraska | Wm. R. Rowen | Omaha |
| New Hampshire | George P. Cleaves | Concord |
| New Jersey | Geo. B. Edwards | Jersey City |
| New York | Robert Macoy | New York |
| Ohio | James Nesbit | Troy |
| Pennsylvania | Charles E. Meyer | Philadelphia |
| Tennessee | Morton B. Howell | Nashville |
| Texas | Robert Brewster | Houston |
| Vermont | J. Monroe Poland | Montpelier |
| Virginia | William B. Isaacs | Richmond |
| West Virginia | George F. Irvine | Wheeling |
| Wisconsin | Charles Putley | Milwaukee |
| United States | Theodore S. Parvin | Iowa City, Iowa |

CODE OF STATUTES

—OF—

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, and the Appendant Orders of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

Jurisdiction.

Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

Objects.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the ancient traditions of the Order.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and, for good cause, annul and revoke

the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

This Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section I, Article II, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander, elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

A regular conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September, 1878, at the City of Denver, for the dispatch of business, and annually thereafter on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION I. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five \$(75) dollars; *Provided, however,* That this

shall not apply to petitions heretofore received by any Commandery under this Grand Commandery.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For Dispensation, ninety dollars (\$90), and for Charter the further sum of ten dollars (\$10).

SEC. 3. Each Subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of one dollar annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every Subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns; a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each annual conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular annual conclave.

SEC. 5. The Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery shall be entitled to the sum of five dollars (\$5) for each dispensation granted, and the further sum of five dollars (\$5) for each charter when issued.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees of three Sir Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next annual conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

FORMS.


FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir ———, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:

The undersigned, petitioners, respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at ———, and to be known as ——— Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir ———, to be the first Commander; Sir ———, to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir ———, to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at ———, in the County of ———, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the Statute and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the Order.

Dated, ———.

 The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.]

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of ——— Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at ———, Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in ——— Lodge,

No. —, and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A., in — Chapter, No. —, and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is —. —. —.

Residence, —. Occupation, —.

Dated at —, Col., —, A. D. 18—.

We recommend Companion — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery, as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

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The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report —.

—, Col., —, A. D. 18—, A. O. 75—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of — Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at —, Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, and late a member of — Commandery, No. —, stationed at —, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is —. —. —.

Residence, —. Occupation, —.

—, Col., —, A. D. 18—, A. O. 75—.

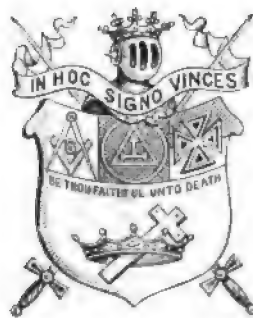
We recommend Sir — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF COLORADO.



DENVER, COLORADO, 1880.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Grand Commandery

—OF—

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.



AT ITS FIFTH CONCLAVE.

HELD AT DENVER,

SEPTEMBER 24, A. D. 1880, A. O. 762.



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GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

1880.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in annual conclave at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery, No. 1, in Denver, Friday, September 24th, A. D. 1880, A. O. 762, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Present—

OFFICERS.

SIR JAMES M. STRICKLER, D. G. C.
SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER, G. G.
SIR MICHAEL H. FITCH, G. C. G.
SIR FRANCIS GALLUP, G. Pre.
SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, *as* G. S. W.
SIR JOHN R. HAMBEL, G. J. W.
SIR WILLIAM D. TODD, G. Treas.
SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, G. Rec.
SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, *as* G. St'd Br.
SIR HORACE N. BANKS, *as* G. Sw'd Br.
SIR ANDREW SAGENDORF, *as* G. War.
SIR THOMAS LINTON, G. C. of G

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, P. G. C.
SIR IRVING W. STANTON, P. G. C.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER, Connecticut.
SIR IRVING W. STANTON, Indiana and Iowa.
SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, Louisiana and Maryland.
SIR JAMES M. STRICKLER, Missouri and Tennessee.
SIR OLIVER A. WHITEMORE, Mass. and Rhode Island.
SIR PETER WINNE, New Jersey.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

SIR WM. D. TODD, Ohio.
 SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Pennsylvania.
 SIR JOHN R. HAMBEL, West Virginia.
 SIR MICHAEL H. FITCH, Wisconsin.

Representatives from all of the Subordinate Commanderies and a number of visiting Sir Knights.

The Grand Commandery was opened in due form by Sir James M. Strickler, D. G. C.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Sirs M. Spangler, Ed. C. Parmelee and I. W. Stanton, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who, after a time reported as follows, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Sir Knights present and entitled to seats and votes :

Sir H. M. ORAHOOD, G. C.
 Sir J. M. STRICKLER, D. G. C.
 Sir M. SPANGLER, G. G.
 Sir M. H. FITCH, G. C. G.
 Sir F. GALLUP, G. Pre.
 Sir W. FULLERTON, G. S. W.
 Sir J. R. HAMBEL, G. J. W.
 Sir WM. D. TODD, G. Treas.
 Sir ED. C. PARMELEE, G. Rec.
 Sir THOS. LINTON, G. C. of G.
 Sir W. D. ANTHONY, P. G. C.
 Sir I. W. STANTON, P. G. C.
 COLORADO COM. No. 1. Sir R. W. WOODBURY, E. C.
 Sir WM. D. TODD, G.
 Sir GEO. C. ROBERTS, C. G.
 CENTRAL CITY COM. No. 2. . Sir GEO. W. MABEE, proxy for E. C.
 Sir W. FULLERTON, G.
 Sir GEO. A. PUGH, proxy for C. G.
 PUEBLO COM. No. 3. Sir M. H. FITCH, E. C.
 Sir JOS. MCMURTRY, proxy for G.
 Sir H. N. BANKS, C. G.
 Courteously submitted.

M. SPANGLER,
 ED. C. PARMELEE,
 I. W. STANTON,
 Committee.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees:

On Finance—

Sir JOHN R. HAMBEL.
Sir HORACE N. BANKS.
Sir GEO. C. ROBERTS.

On Returns and Work—

Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY.
Sir IRVING W. STANTON.
Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH.

On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals—

Sir ROGER W. WOODBURY.
Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER.
Sir WM. FULLERTON.

On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

Sir GRAND RECORDER.
Sir GRAND TREASURER.
Sir JOSEPH McMURTRY.

The Grand Commander delivered the following

ADDRESS.

SIR KNIGHTS:

We are again permitted to assemble for the purpose of reviewing the events which have occurred during the interval since our last annual conclave, and to counsel together for the good of our beloved Order for the ensuing year.

During the year just passed no event of great importance has taken place in our jurisdiction. We have been uniformly peaceful, happy and successful in all our Commanderies. There has been no dissension, envy or discord to mar the harmony everywhere prevailing in our ranks. I have been called upon to perform but few official acts during my term of office.

DISPENSATIONS.

January 24. I received a petition from a constitutional number of Sir Knights, at Georgetown, asking a dispensation for a Commandery at that place, to be called Georgetown Commandery. The petition was properly recommended by Central City Commandery, No. 2, the nearest Commandery. The petition is herewith submitted.

Believing the prayer of the petition should be granted, I issued a dispensation under which a Commandery was duly organized and has been successfully working.

I understand the dispensation has been returned to our Grand Recorder, with a proper petition for a charter and report of work done.

May 1. I granted a dispensation for a Commandery at Leadville, to be called Foley Commandery. The petition therefor was signed by a constitutional number of Sir Knights, and recommended by Colorado Commandery, No. 1, Denver.

This Commandery was duly organized and has been working very successfully.

The dispensation has been returned to me with a full report of the work done by the Commandery. The petition, dispensation and report I have placed in the hands of our Grand Recorder for your action. A petition, I am informed, has been forwarded asking a charter.

For these two dispensations I received one hundred and eighty dollars, which I paid to our Grand Recorder.

August 1. I granted permission to Foley Commandery, U. D., to act upon the petition of Comp. Thomas J. Mackay, without waiting the prescribed time, and if elected to confer the orders at once.

August 10. I granted permission to Foley Commandery, U. D., to appear in public as escort of the Blue Lodge, at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Court House at Leadville.

September 13. I granted permission to Colorado Commandery, No. 1, to appear in public September 21, for the purpose of participating in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new Cathedral in Denver.

DECISIONS.

I really have had no occasion to make any decisions.

April 7. John R. Hambel, E. C., Georgetown Commandery, U. D., wrote me, "Is there any objection to conferring the Order of Malta?" I answered, there was no objection to conferring the order if desired.

This I understood to be in accordance with the action of the Twentieth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, leaving each Commandery, or Grand Commandery, free to confer, or communicate this Order as they might choose.

May 31. In answer to an inquiry from Sir Knight Coston, E. C., Foley Commandery, U. D., I wrote that only those who joined in the petition for the dispensation, and those who received the orders in the Commandery, composed a Commandery under dispensation. New members, other than those who received the orders in the Commandery, could not be received by a Commandery while under dispensation.

LEGISLATION.

I have no changes to recommend in our statutes unless it be regarding our Grand Representative system. I think all commissions as Grand Representatives should terminate with each Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

TWENTY-FIRST TRIENNIAL

The great event of this year in Templar Masonry, was the Twenty-first Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States held at Chicago in August last, which was attended by this Grand Commandery as a body.

Of the vast concourse of Sir Knights present, the grand display at the review by the Grand Master, the knightly courtesy extended by the Commanderies stationed at Chicago and other matters of public notoriety, I need not speak; you have all heard of them. Less has been said of the deliberations and legislation of the Grand Encampment.

Several important decisions bearing upon questions of Masonic standing, limits, &c., were made by the Grand Master during his term of office. These were quite freely discussed and passed on, and the conclusions arrived at published.

Some changes were made in the statutes mostly in minor details.

The session was a very interesting and profitable one throughout.

I would suggest that every Sir Knight, and especially every officer of a Commandery read carefully The Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law of the Grand Encampment of K. T. of the United States. This can be found in some of the text books or Templar Manuals. A familiarity with this digest would prevent nearly all the mistakes which are being constantly made in our Commanderies.

In conclusion allow me to thank you for the many courtesies received from the Grand Officers and Sir Knights throughout the jurisdiction in all our intercourse, and I bespeak for my successor the same generous and kindly support. And may the blessings of Heaven attend us in all our laudable undertakings.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD.

Grand Commander.

REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The annual reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

WM. D. TODD, Grand Treasurer,

In ac. with GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, COLORADO.

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| Sept. 19, 1879, To balance on hand | \$219 14 |
| July 1, 1880, Interest allowed by Safe Deposit Bank to date | 5 59 |
| July 10, 1880, To amount received from Grand Recorder | 160 00 |
| Sept. 23, 1880, To amount received from Grand Recorder | 344 48 |
| Sept. 20, 1879, By warrant No. 17, E. C. Parmelee | \$ 25 00 |
| Sept. 25, 1879, By warrant No. 16 T. Linton | 8 00 |
| Oct. 18, 1879, By warrant, R. W. Woodbury | 100 00 |
| Sept. 24, 1880, To balance on hand for which find certified check. | 596 21 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$729 21 \$729 21 |

Fraternally submitted.

WM. D. TODD,

Denver, Sept. 24, 1880.

GRAND TREASURER.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

I have drawn warrants on Sir Grand Treasurer :

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|------------------------|----------------|
| On account of Salaries | \$ 33 00 |
| On account of Printing | 100 00 |
| Total | <hr/> \$133 00 |

I have received :

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| On account of Dispensations | \$180 00 |
| On account of Proceedings sold | 1 30 |
| On account of Dues | 344 00 |
| Total | <hr/> \$525 30 |

I have paid :

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| On account of Postage | \$ 10 67 |
| On account of Printing and Stationery | 2 60 |
| On account of Freight and Expressage | 1 10 |
| On account of Dues Grand Encampment | 6 45 |
| On account of Grand Treasurer | 504 48 |
| Total | <hr/> \$525 30 |

All the Commanderies have made returns and paid dues.

Nos. 2 and 3 did not make returns in time required by Sec. 3, Art. 6, of our statutes.

These returns show :

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| Knighted | 39 |
| Admitted | 5 |
| Reinstated | 3 |
| Total | <hr/> 47 |
| Died | 2 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Total | <hr/> 3 |

A membership of 171, being a gain of 44 since last reports.

Georgetown Commandery U. D. and Foley Commandery U. D. have made returns, paid dues, returned their dispensations and work and present petitions for charters.

Georgetown Commandery has knighted 20 and Foley Commandery 12.
 Courteously submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,
 Grand Recorder.

STATUTES AMENDED.

Sir Woodbury offered the following which was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That article 5 of the Code of Statutes be stricken out and the following substituted :

Article 5. The annual conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at the city of Denver on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday in September of each year.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

On motion of Sir Knight Stanton the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year :

Sirs Banks and Hambel acting as tellers. The following Knights were declared elected :

Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER, Denver, G. Commander.
 Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER, Denver, D. G. Commander.
 Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH, Pueblo, G. Generalissimo.
 Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON, Black Hawk, G. Captain General.
 Sir T. J. MACKAY, Leadville, G. Prelate.
 Sir JOHN R. HAMBEL, Georgetown, G. S. Warden.
 Sir HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo, G. J. Warden.
 Sir WM. D. TODD, Denver, G. Treasurer,
 Sir ED. C. PARMELEE, Georgetown, G. Recorder.

REPORT ON RETURNS AND WORK.

The Committee on Returns and Work presented the following report, which was adopted and charters ordered issued to Georgetown Commandery No. 4, stationed at Georgetown and Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5 stationed at Leadville.

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of Colorado :

We, the undersigned, your Committee on Returns and Work, respectfully report that they have examined the returns of Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Central Commandery No. 2, Central City, Pueblo Commandery No. 3, Pueblo, and find the same correct.

We have examined the Records, Returns, Petitions, Rules and Regulations, &c., of Georgetown Commandery U. D. and find the same correct, and recommend their approval. Said Commandery have conferred the orders of Knighthood upon 10 and have paid Grand Commandery dues, have petitioned for a charter in due form.

We, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that a charter be issued to be known as Georgetown Commandery No. 4, stationed at the City of Georgetown, in Clear Creek county, and state of Colorado.

We have also examined the records, returns, petitions, &c., of Foley Commandery, U. D., of Leadville, Colorado, and find the same correct, said Commandery having adopted the rules and regulations of Colorado Commandery, No. 1. We recommend be approved.

By the returns we find they have conferred the orders of Knighthood upon 12. That said Commandery have now upon its roll 24 members, and have paid Grand Commandery dues.

Said Commandery having petitioned in due form for a charter, we recommend that the same be granted, and that charter be issued under the name of "Mount of the Holy Cross" Commandery, No. 5, stationed at Leadville, county of Lake, in the State of Colorado.

Courteously submitted,

W. D. ANTHONY,
I. W. STANTON,
M. H. FITCH.

Committee.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read :

Sir PORTER J. COSTON, Leadville, G. Standard Bearer.
Sir GEO. A. PUGH, Central, G. Sword Bearer.
Sir GEO. C. ROBERTS, Denver, G. Warder.
Sir THOMAS LINTON, Denver, G. Capt. of Guard.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Commander, assisted by Sir Webster D.

Anthony, P. G. C., then installed the elected and appointed officers, with the exception of Sir Knight T. J. Mackay, Grand Prelate elect, who was not present.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Finance have examined the annual reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find the same to be correct.

JNO. R. HAMBEL,
H. N. BANKS,
GEO. C. ROBERTS.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Petitions, Grievances and Appeals, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your Committee on Petitions Grievances and Appeals respectfully report that they have had no business referred to their consideration.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY,
M. SPANGLER,
WM. FULLERTON.

PAY OF OFFICERS.

Sir Knight Orahod offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That warrants are hereby ordered drawn on Grand Treasurer in favor of Grand Recorder for \$50, and in favor of the Grand Captain of the Guard for \$10, for services.

REVISION OF STATUTES.

On motion of Sir Knight Fitch, the revision of the Statutes and regulations of this Grand Commandery was

referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report at our next annual, any changes necessary to make them conform to the constitution and laws of the Grand Encampment.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees :

On Jurisprudence—

Sir IRVING W. STANTON, Pueblo.
Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver.
Sir HENRY M. TELLER, Central.

On Correspondence—

Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Central.
Sir ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.
Sir GRAND RECORDER.

CONSTITUTION OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

On motion of Sir Knight Hambel the Grand Recorder was directed to purchase 40 copies of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and to furnish each Commandery five copies and each Grand Officer one copy

INSTALLATION OF GRAND PRELATE.

On motion of Sir Knight Anthony, Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5 was directed to install Sir T. J. Mackay Grand Prelate elect, at its first conclave after said Commandery is instituted, or as soon thereafter as possible and report its action to the Grand Recorder.

THANKS.

Sir Knight Stanton offered the following, which was adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due and are hereby tendered to the officers and members of Colorado Commandery No. 1, for the use of their Asylum and knightly courtesies extended during the present conclave.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes were then read and approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Colorado was closed in solemn and Knightly form, to meet in Denver on Friday after the third Tuesday (23d) of September, A. D. 1881, at 10 o'clock A. M.

JAMES MONTGOMERY STRICKLER,

Grand Commander.

Attest—



Grand Recorder.



Appendix.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1880.

COLORADO COMMANDERY, No. 1—DENVER, ARAPAHOE
COUNTY.*Conclaves, First and Third Tuesday in Each Month.*

OFFICERS.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Roger W. Woodbury, E. C. | James M. Strickler, Treas. |
| William D. Todd, G. | O. A. Whittimore, Rec'r. |
| George C. Roberts, C. G. | William Toovey, St'd B'r. |
| Frank Church, P. | W. E. Greenlee, Sw'd B'r. |
| Samuel M. Allen, S. W. | Edward J. Loper, War. |
| Flavius N. Davis, J. W. | Thomas Linton, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Anthony, Webster D. | Fisher, Cyrus W. | Otis, Oran G. |
| Ashley, Eli M. | Ford, Frank | Pierson, Robert K. |
| Austin, Schuyler D. | Fitzgerald, M. J. | Reynolds, J. E. |
| Allen, Henry E. | Gallup, Francis | Routt, John L. |
| Armstrong, John A. | Gird, Christ C. | Rainey, John D. |
| Boone, A. G. | Griffin, Fred F. | Rogers, B. W. |
| Brown, J. Sidney. | Goodwin, H. S. | Sopris, Richard |
| Billings, Geo. N. | Gove, Aaron | Sayre, Alfred |
| Bayles, Benjamin H. | Hutchins, Samuel A. | Spangler, Michael |
| Blair, Thomas W. | Henry, Oren H. | Sagendorf, Andrew |
| Clarke, Clarence J. | Henry, Albert T. | Tuttle, Herman B. |
| Cheesman, Walter S. | Hatten, Robert L. | Tritch, George |
| Clough, Henry A. | Kountze, Chas. B. | Willoughby, Edmund A. |
| Christian, W. A. | Kavanagh, R. F. | Wheeler, Byron A. |
| Cook, David J. | Klock, John I. | Winne, Peter |
| Came, Virgil M. | Lambert, Joseph | Watkins, Leonard A. |
| Dailey, John L. | Legge, Orr | Wilson, Andrew D. |
| Danielson, Frank M. | McCarty, Leander | Wilson, William J. |
| Dieterichs, W. F. | McLellan, W. W. | Wilgus, T. Benton |
| Evans, John | McConnell, J. G. | Wolff, Alfred |
| Elbert, Samuel H. | McCarty, A. J. | |

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY, No. 2 -CENTRAL, GILPIN
COUNTY.

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Harper M. Orahoad, E. C. | John Best, Treas. |
| William Fullerton, G. | Samuel I. Lorah, Rec'r. |
| Benjamin T. Wells, C. G. | James Hutchinson, St'd Br. |
| David C. Collier, P. | George W. Mabee, Sw'd Br. |
| Thomas H. Potter, S. W. | Ed. F. Clinton, War. |
| Richard W. Mosley, J. W. | George A. Pugh, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Bates, Walter | Jones, Aaron M. | Sayr, Hal |
| Butler, Hugh | Lechner, George W. | Smith, J. Alden. |
| Cornish, Thomas | Love, Joseph A. | Teller, Henry M. |
| Criley, William W. | Lake, Richard C. | Tallman, Jacob |
| Fletcher, Warren M. | Mack, Jacob | Van Deren, Arch. J. |
| Hambel, John R. | Munson, George C. | Watson, Joseph W. |
| Haskell, Noah D. | Newcomb, Henry E. | Ware, William W. |
| Joblin, William J. | Nichols, Foster | Wade, Charles H. |
| Johnson, Albert | Parmelee, Ed. C. | DeMattos, James P. |
| Jacobson, Charles H. | Roberts, Daniel | |

PUEBLO COMMANDERY, No. 3—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| H. M. Fitch, E. C. | G. W. Morgan, Treas. |
| G. M. Chilcott, G. | J. G. Morton, Rec'r. |
| H. N. Banks, C. G. | W. W. Strait, St. Br. |
| F. H. Shrock, P. | G. W. Perkins, Sw'd Br. |
| R. F. Lytle, S. W. | Christopher Wilson, War. |
| G. H. Hard, J. W. | J. J. Thomas, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Bartels, J. L. | Goodnight, Charles | Orman, James B. |
| Blunt, M. A. | Keeler, H. B. | Pochon, J. J. |
| Clough, A. | Kane, W. B. | Root, George H. |
| Crary, B. F. | Morse, H. M. | Stanton, I. W. |
| De Remer, J. R. | McAnulty, R. E. | Smith, James E. |
| France, Matt | McMurtry, J. A. | Thatcher, H. C. |
| Grant, A. A. | Newcomer, C. E. | Urmy, D. F. |

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY, U. D., GEORGETOWN,
CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

DISPENSATION ISSUED JANUARY 24, 1880.

To John R. Hambel, E. C.; Thomas Cornish, G.; Warren M. Fletcher, C. G., and 8 Sir Knights.

CHARTER GRANTED SEPT. 24, 1880, AS GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY NO. 4.

To John R. Hambel, E. C.; Thomas Cornish, G.; Warren M. Fletcher, C. G., and

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Fish, Charles R. | Ware, William W. | Lees, James |
| Wade, Charles H. | Pomeroy, Richard A. | Bates, Henry C. |
| Barrett, George H. | Foster, Ernest Le Neve | Morrison, Robert S. |
| Boyer, Henry | Criley, William W. | Johnson, Albert |
| Jacobson, Charles H. | Pollard, Charles W. | Parmelee, Ed. C. |
| Love, Joseph A. | Christie, William H. | |

FOLEY COMMANDERY, U. D., LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

DISPENSATION GRANTED MAY 1, 1880,

To Porter J. Coston, E. C.; Tim Foley, G.; Francis Rose, C. G. and 9 Sir Knights.

CHARTER GRANTED SEPT. 24, 1880, AS MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS
COMMANDERY NO. 5,

To Porter J. Coston, E. C.; Tim Foley, G.; Francis Rose, C. G. and

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Officer, Frank H. | Warren, H. L. | Cirode, W. Y. |
| Bright, William H. | Alford, John | Peterson, Peter A. |
| Playter, Joseph H. | Branch, Albert H. | Klinefelter, Peter K. |
| DeLay, Robert L. | Kelley, Jay G. | Wheat, L. B. |
| Gruber, E. H. | Pena, Sotero | Clark, William M. |
| Drake, George W. | Mackay, Thomas J. | Fox, Jeremiah M. |
| Becker, Peter | | |

REINSTATED.

Andrew Sagendorf..... No. 1 May 18, 1880,
 B. W. Rogers No. 1 May 18, 1880.
 Robert L. Hatten..... No. 1 July 20, 1880.

DIMITTED.

P. V. Finch No. 1 Dec. 2, 1879

DIED.

E. W. Johnstone No. 1 April 21, 1880.
 Chas H. Williams No. 3 —, —, —.

SUMMARY.

| COMMANDERY. | No. | CREATED. | ADMITTED. | REINSTATED. | DIMITTED. | DIED. | MEMBERS. |
|------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------|----------|
| Colorado | 1 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 74 |
| Central City | 2 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41 |
| Pueblo | 3 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 34 |
| Georgetown | U. B. | 19 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| *Folsy | U. B. | 12 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| Total | ... | 39 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 182 |

* Chartered under name of "Mount of the Holy Cross."

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Commandery,

MARCH 14, 1876.

| | Grand Commander. | Deputy Grand Commander | Grand Generalissimo. | Grand Captain General. | Grand Prelate. | Grand Treasurer. | Grand Recorder. |
|------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1876 | Henry M. Teller. | Webster D. Anthony | Irving W. Stanton. | James M. Strickler. | *P. Voorheis Finch. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1877 | Webster D. Anthony | Irving W. Stanton. | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1878 | Irving W. Stanton. | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1879 | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1880 | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | William Fullerton. | Thomas J. Mackay. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |

* Limited.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| FROM | | TO |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| William Fullerton, Black Hawk | Alabama | Daniel Smith, Mobile. |
| David J. Cook, Denver | Arkansas | Samuel L. Griffith, Little Rock. |
| Harper M. Orin, Central | California | Henry Savre Orme, Los Angeles. |
| Michael Spangler, Denver | Connecticut | Joseph F. Voderwede, New London. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Georgia | John H. F. Tull, Savannah. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Illinois | Norman T. Gussette, Chicago. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Indiana | Salathiel T. Williams, Kendallville. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Iowa | John C. Schrader, Iowa City. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Kansas | Owen A. Bassett, Lawrence. |
| William N. Byers, Denver | Louisiana | Michael E. Girard, Opelousas. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Maine | George M. Howe, Portland. |
| Oliver A. Whittemore, Denver | Maryland | Christian B. Kiebacker, Baltimore. |
| | Massachusetts and Rhode Island | David F. Parker, Worcester, Mass. |
| | Michigan | Hugh McCurdy, Corunna. |
| | Mississippi | Frederick Speed, Vicksburg. |
| David C. Collier, Central | Missouri | William P. Mullen, St. Louis. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | Nebraska | Daniel H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth. |
| Eli M. Ashley, Denver | New Hampshire | Joseph W. Hildreth, Concord. |
| R. Bert K. Pierson, Denver | New Jersey | Frederick G. Wiese, Bordenstown. |
| Peter Winne, Denver | New York | |
| William N. Byers, Denver | Ohio | Joshua M. Booth, Cleveland. |
| William D. Todd, Denver | Pennsylvania | William H. Egle, Harrisburg. |
| Harper M. Orin, Central | Tennessee | James D. Richardson, Murfreesboro. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | West Virginia | |
| John R. Hambel, Georgetown | Wisconsin | Charlee F. Scott, Parkersburg. |
| Michael H. Fitch, Pueblo | | |

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

| | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Alabama | Daniel Sayer | Montgomery |
| Arkansas | John W. Rison | Little Rock |
| California | Thomas H. Caswell | San Francisco |
| Canada | Daniel Spry | Barrie, Ont |
| Colorado | Ed. C. Parmelee | Georgetown |
| Connecticut | John W. Stedman | Norwich |
| Georgia | Chas. R. Armstrong | Macon |
| Illinois | Gil. W. Barnard | Chicago |
| Indiana | John M. Bramwell | Indianapolis |
| Iowa | William B. Langridge | Muscatine |
| Kansas | John H. Brown | Wyandotte |
| Kentucky | L. D. Croninger | Covington |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans |
| Maine | Ira Berry | Portland |
| Maryland | Charles T. Sisco | Baltimore |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | A. F. Chapman | Boston |
| Michigan | William P. Innes | Grand Rapids |
| Minnesota | A. T. C. Pierson | St. Paul |
| Mississippi | J. J. Power | Jackson |
| Missouri | William H. Mays | St. Louis |
| Nebraska | Wm. B. Bowen | Omaha |
| New Hampshire | George P. Leavess | Concord |
| New Jersey | John H. Smith | Trenton |
| New York | Robert Macoy | New York |
| Ohio | James Smith | Troy |
| Pennsylvania | Charles E. Meyer | Philadelphia |
| Tennessee | Monroe P. Howell | Nashville |
| Texas | Robert Brewster | Houston |
| Vermont | Geo. W. Wing | Montpelier |
| Virginia | William R. Isaacs | Richmond |
| West Virginia | Charles F. Irvine | Wheeling |
| Wisconsin | Charles P. Liley | Milwaukee |
| United States | Theodore S. Parvin | Iowa City, Iowa |

CODE OF STATUTES

—OF—

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, and the Appendant Orders of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

Jurisdiction.

Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

Objects.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the ancient traditions of the Order.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and, for good cause, annul and revoke

the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

This Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander, elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

The annual conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at the City of Denver, on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five (75) dollars; *Provided, however,* That this shall not apply to petitions heretofore received by any Commandery under this Grand Commandery.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For Dispensation ninety dollars (\$90), and for Charter the further sum of ten dollars (\$10.)

SEC. 3. Each Subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of one dollar annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every Subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns; a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each annual conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular annual conclave.

SEC. 5. The Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery shall be entitled to the sum of five dollars (\$5) for each dispensation granted, and the further sum of five dollars (\$5) for each charter when issued.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees of three Sir Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto ; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next annual conclave ; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

FORMS.


FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir ———, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado :

The undersigned, petitioners, respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at ———, and to be known as ——— Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir ———, to be the first Commander; Sir ———, to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir ———, to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at ———, in the County of ———, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment and the usages of the Order.

Dated, ———.

 The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of ——— Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at ———, Colorado :

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in ——— Lodge,

No. —, and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A., in — Chapter, No. —, and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commander; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is —. —. —.

Residence, —. —. —. Occupation, —. —. —.

Dated at —, Col., — —, A. D. 18—.

We recommend Companion — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

— — —.
— — —.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report — — —.

—, Col., —, A. D. 18—, A. O. 76—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of — Commandery No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at —, Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, and late a member of — Commandery, No. —, stationed at —, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is —. —. —.

Residence, —. —. —. Occupation, —. —. —.

—, Col., —, A. D., 18—, A. O. 76—.

We recommend Sir — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

— — —.
— — —.

GRAND OFFICERS.

A. D. 1880—81.

Sir JAMES M. STRICKLER Denver..... G. Commander
Sir MICHAEL SPANGLER..... Denver..... D. G. Commander
Sir MICHAEL H. FITCH ... Pueblo G. Generalissimo
Sir WILLIAM FULLERTON..... Black Hawk..... G. Captain-General
Sir T. J. MACKAY..... Leadville G. Prelate
Sir JOHN R. HAMBEL Georgetown..... G. S. Warden
Sir HORACE N. BANKS South Pueblo G. J. Warden
Sir WM. D. TODD Denver..... G. Treasurer
Sir ED. C. PARMELEE..... Georgetown..... G. Recorder
Sir PORTER J. COSTON..... Leadville..... G. Standard Bearer
Sir GEO. A. PUGH..... Central..... G. Sword Bearer
Sir GEO. C. ROBERTS..... Denver G. Warder
Sir THOMAS LINTON..... Denver..... G. Capt. of Guard

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir IRVING W. STANTON, Pueblo.

Sir WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver.

Sir HENRY M. TELLER, Central.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir HARPER M. GRAHOOD, Central.

Sir ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.

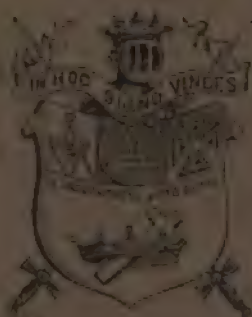
Sir GRAND RECORDER.

**The next Annual Conclave will be held in Denver, on Friday
after the Third Tuesday in September (22d), 1881.**

PROCEEDINGS

— 1881 —

Grand Commandery



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF COLORADO.

DENVER, COLORADO, 1881.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO



AT ITS SIXTH CONCLAVE.

HELD AT DENVER,

SEPTEMBER 23, A. D. 1881, A. O. 763

DENVER.

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1881.

Grand Commandery

OF COLORADO.

1881.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in annual conclave at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery No. 1, in Denver, Friday, September 23d, A. D. 1881, A. O. 763, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—

OFFICERS.

SIR KT. JAMES M. STRICKLER, G. C.
SIR KT. MICHAEL SPANGLER, D. G. C.
SIR KT. MICHAEL H. FITCH, G. G.
SIR KT. WILLIAM FULLERTON, G. C. G.
SIR KT. FRANCIS GALLUP, *as* G. Pre.
SIR KT. ROGER W. WOODBURY, *as* G. S. W.
SIR KT. IRVING W. STANTON, *as* G. J. W.
SIR KT. WILLIAM D. TODD, G. Treas.
SIR KT. ED. C. PARMELEE, G. Rec.
SIR KT. PORTER J. COSTON, G. S'd Br.
SIR KT. C. E. EDWARDS, *as* G. Sw'd Br.
SIR KT. GEORGE C. ROBERTS, G. War.
SIR KT. THOMAS LINTON, G. C. of G.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

SIR KT. WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, P. G. C.
SIR KR. IRVING W. STANTON, P. G. C.
SIR KT. HARPER M. ORAHOOD, P. G. C.
SIR KT. FRANCIS GALLUP, P. E. C.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR KT. WILLIAM FULLERTON, Alabama.
SIR KT. HARPER M. ORAHOOD, California and Pennsylvania.
SIR KT. MICHAEL SPANGLER, Connecticut.
SIR KT. IRVING W. STANTON, Indiana and Iowa.
SIR KT. ROGER W. WOODBURY, Louisiana and Maryland.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

SIR KT. JAMES M. STRICKLER, Missouri and Tennessee.
 SIR KT. WILLIAM D. TODD, Ohio.
 SIR KT. MICHAEL H. FITCH, Wisconsin.
 SIR KT. ED. C. PARMELEE, Vermont.

Representatives from all the Subordinates.

The Grand Commandery was opened in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Sir Kts. I. W. Stanton, P. J. Coston and Grand Recorder were appointed as a Committee on Credentials. The Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Sir Knights present and entitled to seats and votes :

SIR KT. JAMES M. STRICKLER, G. C.
 SIR KT. MICHAEL SPANGLER, D. G. C.
 SIR KT. MICHAEL H. FITCH, G. G.
 SIR KT. WILLIAM FULLERTON, G. C. G.
 SIR KT. WILLIAM D. TODD, G. Treas.
 SIR KT. ED. C. PARMELEE, G. Rec.
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 SIR KT. IRVING W. STANTON, P. G. C.
 SIR KT. HARPER M. ORAHOOD, P. G. C.
 SIR KT. FRANCIS GALLUP, P. E. C.

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| COLORADO COM. No. 1..... | Sir Kt. ROGER W. WOODBURY, E. C. Sir Kt. WILLIAM D. TODD, G. Sir Kt. GEORGE C. ROBERTS, C. G. |
| CENTRAL CITY COM. No. 2..... | Sir Kt. WILLIAM FULLERTON, E. C. Sir Kt. RICHARD W. MOSLEY proxy for G. and C. G. |
| PUEBLO COM. No. 3..... | Sir Kt. I. W. STANTON, E. C. and proxy for G. Sir Kt. CHRISTOPHER WILSON, proxy for C. G. |
| GEORGETOWN COM. No. 4..... | Sir Kt. CHAS. H. JACOBSON, proxy for E. C. and C. G. Sir Kt. ERNEST L. N. FOSTER, proxy for G. |
| MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS COM. No. 5..... | Sir Kt. P. J. COSTON, E. C. and proxy for G. and C. G. Courteously submitted, I. W. STANTON. P. J. COSTON. ED. C. PARMELEE. |

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees :

On Finance—

Sir Kt. M. H. FITCH.
 Sir Kt. E. L. N. FOSTER.
 Sir Kt. GEORGE C. ROBERTS.

On Returns and Work—

Sir Kt. H. M. ORAHOOD.
 Sir Kt. I. W. STANTON.
 Sir Kt. W. D. ANTHONY.

On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals—

Sir Kt. R. W. WOODBURY.
Sir Kt. M. SPANGLER.
Sir Kt. WILLIAM FULLERTON.

On Printing and Miscellaneous Business—

Sir Kt. GRAND RECORDER.
Sir Kt. GRAND TREASURER.
Sir Kt. ANDREW SAGENDORF.

THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN.

Sir Knight T. S. Parvin P. G. C. of Iowa, and Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment of the United States, was announced.

Sir Knights Gr. Gen. and Gr. Captain General were appointed to receive and introduce the Sir Knight.

Sir Knight Parvin was introduced, cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander, conducted to a seat in the East, and responded in a short speech.

The Grand Commander delivered the following

ADDRESS.

SIR KNIGHTS :—Let us commence the duties of this our sixth Annual Conclave with grateful acknowledgments to the Supreme Commander, who has protected us through another year of our pilgrimage, and given us the privilege to assemble again with unbroken ranks. Mercies have been over us from Him who showers

Good when he gives, supremely good ;
Nor less when he denies.

Our Commanderies have had a peaceful and successful year, and we have reason to be proud of the high standard we have attained, and the reputation Templarism commands in our jurisdiction. *Sir Knights* let us strive to maintain and strengthen the good name of our beloved Order, let its teachings impel us to a continued discharge of all our duties, and a constant effort to place its influence and usefulness stronger and higher. " In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works."

DISPENSATIONS.

November 20, 1880, I granted permission to Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery to appear in public as escort of the Blue Lodge at the funeral of Brother Geo. B. Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor of the State. April 8, 1881, I received a petition from a constitutional number of Sir Knights at Colorado Springs, asking a dispensation for a Commandery at that place, to be called *Pike's Peak Commandery*. The petition was properly recommended by Pueblo Commandery No. 3, the nearest Commandery. I issued dispensation April the 18th, under which a Commandery was duly organized, and has been successfully working. The dispensation has been returned with a full report of the work done by the Commandery, and a petition asking for a charter is now in the hands of our Grand Recorder for your action. May 20th I granted permission to Colorado Commandery No. 1 to appear in public June 24th, as mounted escort

to the Grand Lodge of Masons of Colorado, on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Court House of Arapahoe County. The parade on this occasion was under the command of E. C., R. W. Woodbury, and this Grand body was represented in the lines by Past Grand Commanders W. D. Anthony and H. M. Orahood, and nearly all of its present officers. A considerable number of Sir Knights from Pike's Peak Commandery, U. D., joined with Colorado Commandery No. 1 on this occasion, as also did several Past Commanders of other jurisdictions. The marching and deportment of the entire column was highly applauded, and the day made an epoch in the history of Denver.

DECISIONS.

Sir Knight P. J. Coston, E. C. Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery, wrote me July 21st, stating that a R. A. Mason was elected to receive the orders in his Commandery, and before they could be conferred objection was made. Immediately there, after the objection was withdrawn. He held that six months must elapse and the applicant petition again, which was done, and the second ballot was unfavorable. The petitioner claimed the Eminent Commander's ruling was wrong, and that he was entitled to the orders on the removal of the first objection. After submitting the matter to M. E. Grand Master Benj. Dean, I replied that whether upon the removal of the objection upon the first petition the orders might have been conferred became immaterial in consequence of the subsequent proceedings. The candidate did resort to a second petition. He thenceforth depended upon that petition, and his application was rejected.

APPOINTMENTS.

June 27th, I appointed Sir Knight Thaddeus M. Chapman, of Middlebury, Vt., representative of this Grand body, near the Grand Jurisdiction of Vermont.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The report of our Grand Recorder will disclose the fact that our growth has been very satisfactory, and the future promises a more rapid growth, as shown by the establishment of nine new Blue Lodges and several Chapters the past year.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.

SIR KNIGHTS : To-day sorrow hangs its sable mantle over our land ; crape is on every hat ; mourning is in each heart ; our nation weeps ; our order is sad ; our country has lost its ruler, our order has lost a true Christian Knight ; President Garfield is dead. The assassin's bullet has taken the life of one whom his country delighted to honor, of whom our association was proud, who stood high in its councils, and whose memory will ever flourish in immortal green. As citizens we mourn ; as Templars we weep. Our country is full of humility ; our order is weighed with anguish. What is our duty to the nation, to the order, our duty as citizens, our tender solicitude towards the weeping ones at the death bed of our President ? To the first it seems to me that we should express our detestation, our extreme disgust and horror, at the cowardly wretch who has bereft us of President and vallant Sir Knight. To the second, to the weeping family, we should offer kindly words of sympathy. We should let them know that while they mourn we mourn with them. And whilst we as Knights Templar show our sorrow, so do we as citizens realize the extent of our loss, and are prepared to assist the powers of the Government with all the influence of our Order. With these thoughts in my mind, I suggest that you appoint a committee and take appropriate action.

SIR KNIGHTS : In making return to you of the authority with which you so highly honored me, I trust my efforts for the good of our Order have merited your approbation. Accept my most hearty thanks for the many courtesies you have extended, and for the assistance and support you have given me, and may God grant you all happy lives, and a peaceful entrance to his great asylum above.

J. M. STRICKLER,
Grand Commander.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

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ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Sir Stanton, the address was referred to a special committee for division and reference. Sir Kts. Stanton, Woodbury and Coston were appointed said committee.

REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

DENVER, September 22, 1881.

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of Colorado:

I submit herewith a report of receipts and expenditures for the year:

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| Sept. 20, 1880, To balance on hand. | \$596 21 |
| Sept. 21, 1881, To Grand Recorder. | 337 73 |
| Sept. 21, 1881, To Grand Recorder. | 36 00 |
| To Interest allowed by Safe Deposit Bank. | 17 64 |
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| | \$987 58 |
| Sept. 25, 1880, By warrant No. 19. | \$10 00 |
| Sept. 25, 1880, By warrant No. 20. | 50 00 |
| Sept. 30, 1880, By warrant. | 28 97 |
| Jan. 28, 1881, By warrant No. 23. | 78 00 |
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| | \$166 97 \$820 61 |

Balance on hand, \$820.61, for which find certified check, and also vouchers for expenditures.

Courteously submitted,
WM. D. TODD,
Grand Treasurer.

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

September 24, 1881, charters were issued to Georgetown Commandery No. 4. at Georgetown, and Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, at Leadville.

I have received:

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| On account of Charters | \$20 00 |
| " " " Dispensations | 90 00 |
| " " " Dues | 313 00 |
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| Total | \$423 00 |

I have paid:

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| For Freight and Expressage | \$3 55 |
| " Printing and Stationery. | 13 65 |
| " Postage | 22 87 |
| " Grand Encampment Dues | 9 20 |
| " Grand Treasurer. | 373 73 |
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| Total | \$423 00 |

All the commanderies have made returns and paid dues.

No. 5 did not make returns and pay dues in time required by our laws.

The returns show:

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| Knighted | 16 |
| Admitted | 4 |
| Reinstated. | 2 |
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| Total. | 22 |

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| Died. | 4 |
| Dimitted. | 5 |
| Dropped from the roll | 14 |
| Total | 23 |

Pike's Peak Commandery, U. D., have made returns, paid dues and returned their dispensation and work. Their returns report 8 Knighted.

I have drawn warrants on Sir Treasurer:

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| On account of Salaries | \$60 00 |
| " " " Bill allowed. | 28 97 |
| " " " Printing | 78 00 |
| Total | \$166 97 |

I have received, besides the usual exchange of printed proceedings: The report of Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, June 12, 1826, to September 28, 1869 which has been placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

ED. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Recorder.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The following letter was read, and on motion of Sir Kt. Gallup, the invitation was accepted.

On motion, Colorado Commandery No. 1 was invited to act as escort to the Grand Commandery on that occasion.

BISHOP'S HOUSE, 410 CHAMPA ST., DENVER, COL.,
SEPTEMBER 23, 1881.

SIR KNIGHT J. M. STRICKLER, *Grand Commander, &c.* :

DEAR SIR :—Will you kindly in my behalf, and in behalf of the Dean and other authorities of St. John's Church, 14th Street and Arapahoe, used temporarily as the Cathedral, invite the Grand Commandery now in session, and all Sir Knights of this city and of the State who may be in the city at the time, to assemble in said church at 11 o'clock on Monday next, to join in the commemoration services to the memory of our Brother, the late President, at which service we shall also be glad to welcome the presence of members of the Masonic Fraternity generally.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN F. SPALDING,
Bishop of Colorado.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

On motion of Sir Kt. Fitch the annual election was held, resulting in the election of

Sir Kt. MICHAEL SPANGLER, of Denver, G. Commander.
Sir Kt. MICHAEL H. FITCH, of Pueblo, D. G. Commander.
Sir Kt. WILLIAM FULLERTON, of Black Hawk, G. Generalissimo.
Sir Kt. PORTER J. COSTON, of Leadville, G. Captain General.
Sir Kt. FRANCIS GALLUP, of Denver, G. Prelate.
Sir Kt. GEORGE C. ROBERTS, of Denver, G. S. Warden.
Sir Kt. CHARLES H. JACOBSON, of Georgetown, G. J. Warden.
Sir Kt. WILLIAM D. TODD, of Denver, G. Treasurer.
Sir Kt. ED. C. PARMELEE, of Georgetown, G. Recorder.

STATUTES AMENDED.

Sir Kt. Stanton presented the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have had under consideration the subject of revision of the Code of Statutes of this Grand Commandery, and respectfully recommend that Section 1 of Article III, be amended by striking out the words "ancient traditions of the Order," and insert "Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America."

Your Committee are of opinion that no further changes are necessary.

I. W. STANTON,
W. D. ANTHONY.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor.

Deputy Grand Commander Spangler presiding.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

Sir Kt. Stanton presented the following, which was adopted :

Your Committee on the Address of the E. Grand Commander respectfully recommends that that portion relating to dispensation to new commandery be referred to the Committee on Returns and Work.

That part relating to decisions, to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That part relating to the death of Sir Knight Garfield, to a special committee composed of Past Grand Commanders Anthony and Orahod, and Grand Commander-elect Spangler.

That his appointment of representative be approved.

I. W. STANTON.
R. W. WOODBURY. } Committee.
P. J. COSTON.

FINANCE REPORT.

Sir Kt. Fitch presented the following, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, find the same correct, and recommend their approval. We further recommend that the Grand Recorder be allowed a contingent fund of \$50, from which to pay small bills that may accrue, due against the Grand Commandery during the ensuing year, and that he make proper returns thereof in his next annual report.

M. H. FITCH.
ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER. } Committee.
GEORGE C. ROBERTS.

PAY OF OFFICERS.

Sir Kt. Orahood offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Grand Recorder for \$50, and in favor of the Grand Captain of the Guard for \$10 for services.

REPORT ON RETURNS AND WORK.

Sir Kt. Anthony presented the following, which was adopted, and a charter ordered to issue to Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, as therein recommended.

To the Grand Commandery of K. T. of Colorado :

Your Committee on Returns and Work respectfully report that they have examined the returns of Colorado Commandery No. 1, Denver, Central Commandery No. 2, Central, Pueblo Commandery, No. 3, Pueblo, Georgetown Commandery, No. 4, Georgetown, Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, Leadville, and find the same correct, and that they have paid Grand Commandery dues.

We have also examined the returns from Pike's Peak Commandery, U. D., and find from the returns to the Grand Recorder, which are to September 1, that they have conferred the orders of Knighthood upon 8. From the records of the Commandery we find that the orders have since been conferred upon 4, making 12 created.

We find the records to have been kept in complete order. We believe the By-Laws adopted by this Commandery are in conformity to the Laws and Regulations in force, and approve the same. The Commandery also present a petition in due form, praying for the issuance of a charter.

Your committee recommend that a charter be issued to the Sir Knights named therein, said Commandery to be known as Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, at Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado.

Fraternally submitted,

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| H. M. ORAHOOD. | } Committee. |
| I. W. STANTON. | |
| W. D. ANTHONY. | |

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.

Sir Kt. Anthony presented the following, which was adopted.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado :

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Commander's address relating to the death of our distinguished Frater, JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States, beg leave to submit, that in view of the short notice, (the Commandery so soon to adjourn,) and that another session of the Grand Commandery is to be held on Monday next, for the purpose of devotional exercises on the occasion of the funeral services, we most fraternally ask that time be given, and that we be permitted to report at that session, and that such report be included in the proceedings of this conclave.

Courteously submitted,

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| W. D. ANTHONY, | } Committee. |
| M. SPANGLER, | |
| H. M. ORAHOOD, | |

JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir Kt. Stanton presented the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Commander's Address relating to Decisions, respectfully recommend that the decisions of the Grand Commander be approved.

I. W. STANTON,
W. D. ANTHONY.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Grand Recorder presented the Report on Correspondence, which was ordered published with the Proceedings.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Sir Kt. Ed. C. Parmelee presented his credentials as Grand Representative from the Grand Commandery of Vermont, and was received and courteously acknowledged as such representative.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Sir Kt. ROGER W. WOODBURY, G. Standard Bearer.
Sir Kt. ANDREW SAGENDORF, G. Sword Bearer.
Sir Kt. CHRISTOPHER WILSON, G. Warder.
Sir Kt. THOMAS LINTON, G. Captain of the Guard.

INSTALLATION.

Past Grand Commander Orahoad, assisted by Past Grand Commander Anthony, installed Sir Kt. Michael Spangler, Grand Commander elect, and the other elected and appointed officers, except Sir Kt. Roger W. Woodbury, appointed as Grand Standard Bearer, who was absent.

THANKS.

The following was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1, for the free use of their Asylum for this meeting of the Grand Commandery.

Also the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to the Union Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande Railroads through their General Passenger Agents, for courtesies extended to the Sir Knights attending this annual conclave.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees :

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

SIR KT. IRVING W. STANTON.
SIR KT. WEBSTER D. ANTHONY.
SIR KT. HENRY M. TELLER.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR KT. HARPER M. ORAHO D.
SIR KT. ROGER W. WOODBURY.
SIR KT. GRAND RECORDER.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes were then read and approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Colorado was closed in solemn and Knightly form, to meet in Denver on Monday, the 26th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M.

MICHAEL SPANGLER,
Grand Commander.

Attest—



Grand Recorder.



SPECIAL CONCLAVE.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery, No. 1, in Denver, September 26, 1881, at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—

SIR M. SPANGLER, G. C.
SIR J. M. STRICKLER, *as* G. G.
SIR P. J. COSTON, G. C. G.
SIR FRANCIS GALLUP, G. P.
SIR G. C. ROBERTS, G. S. W.
SIR F. N. DAVIS, *as* G. J. W.
SIR W. D. TODD, G. Treas.
SIR EDWARD C. CHILES, *as* G. Rec.
SIR F. N. DAVIS, *as* G. S. B.
SIR PETER WINNE, *as* G. Sw'd B.
SIR W. F. DEITERICH, *as* G. War.
SIR THOS. LINTON, G. C. of G.

and a large number of Sir Knights.

The Grand Commandery being opened in ample form, the Committee on Resolutions presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, On the eve of the one hundred and sixth anniversary which brought to life and light our beloved country as a free and independent nation, the civilized portion of the globe was horrified by the startling intelligence that the Chief Magistrate of that nation had been, in cold blood and without excuse, struck down by the murderous hand of a brutal and cowardly assassin, by whose act the entire people have been thrown into most anxious and sorrowful watching, now culminating in the death of our President, causing wide-spread and universal grief, and filling the land with sorrow and mourning:

Therefore the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Colorado, recognizing in the noble and generous nature of our distinguished Frater, Sir Knight James A. Garfield, the embodiment of those distinguished characteristics of universal benevolence, unsullied honor, unwearied zeal for the good of his fellow-men, steadfast in the true principles of right, at all times a man whose only ambition in the various positions in public life to which he has been called was of that exalted character which should in the highest degree contribute to the benefit and glory of his people. He was an able and industrious public servant and earnest patriot, showing true love and devotion for his country, whether on the field when armed men were required, or in the halls of legislation, where as a wise counsellor he was ever recognized as a leader. He was a kind and generous friend, a gentle and loving husband, a devoted father. The unflinching fortitude with which he bore the eighty days of terrible suffering while his mortal life was so constantly and surely ebbing away, shows us how nobly and fearlessly a true Christian soldier can partake of that

"bitter cup of death," to "render an account to that Supreme Judge of the world, before Whom not even the most minute act of life can be hidden." Let us, as Sir Knights, and as citizens of this great Republic, emulate the virtues of this great man, who has, by the purity of his private character, the honesty and integrity manifested in his official stations, enshrined himself in the hearts of every patriot and well wisher of his country.

To the aged mother, whose cup of joy was overflowing—and yet whose fear seemed almost a prophecy—as she stood by the side of her beloved son on the day which made him President of a mighty nation, and, in the presence of the assembled thousands, received the filial kiss of him whom the people had delighted to honor; to the brave, heroic and afflicted wife, whose devotion has been so manifest during the dreary days of watching and care, and to the children, now bereft of a kind father's presence, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, assuring them that in their grief and loneliness, we mourn with them in their loss of a cherished son, husband and father, for the world has lost one of its brightest jewels, an honest man.

Sir Knights of Ohio: but a few short months ago, by the suffrages of the representatives of fifty millions of people, James A. Garfield, in all the pride, and strength and dignity of powerful manhood, was called, with loud acclaim and great rejoicing, from your midst, to preside as the ruler of national affairs at the capitol. To-day the Nation, with bowed heads and sorrowful hearts, with blanched cheeks and tearful eyes, returns to your jurisdiction all that is mortal of our deceased Sir Knight. The mutilated remains of our loved and martyred President, a bright and vallant member of our Order, a Christian warrior, are laid in the narrow portals of the tomb. Guard it well, as did the Knights of old his sepulchre for whom our illustrious Order was instituted. The banks of your Erie are now sacred and hallowed as the last resting place of SIR JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD.

Resolved, That the banner of our Order be draped for the period of one hundred days, and that a page with suitable tablet be reserved in the Proceedings of our Annual Conclave in memory of the deceased.

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| W. D. ANTHONY, | } Committee. |
| M. SPANGLER, | |
| H. M. ORAHOOD, | |

After which the Grand Commandery, together with Colorado Commandery No. 1, as special escort, and a large number of Sir Knights, repaired to St. John's Cathedral, where appropriate exercises were held and an able and eloquent address upon the life and death of Sir Kt. Garfield, late President of the United States, was delivered by R. Rev. Bishop and Sir Kt. John F. Spalding.

Upon returning to the Asylum the Grand Commander returned thanks to the officers and members of Colorado Commandery No. 1, and the Grand Commandery was then adjourned.

MICHAEL SPANGLER,

Grand Commander.

Attest—

EDWARD C. CHILES,

Acting Grand Recorder.



To the Memory of

Our Illustrious Frater,

Sir Knight

James A. Garfield,

President of the United States.



Appendix.

Report on Correspondence.

List of Membership.

Statistical Tables.

Statutes.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following named jurisdictions :

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| Alabama..... | 21st Annual Conclave..... | May 18, 1881. |
| California..... | 23d Annual Conclave..... | April 15, 1881. |
| Canada..... | 5th Annual Assembly..... | July 13, 1880. |
| Connecticut..... | 44th Annual Conclave..... | March 15, 1881. |
| Illinois..... | 24th Annual Conclave..... | October 26, 1880. |
| Indiana..... | 27th Annual Conclave..... | April 26, 1881. |
| Iowa..... | 17th Annual Conclave..... | October 6, 1880. |
| Kentucky..... | 34th Annual Conclave..... | May 4, 1881. |
| Louisiana..... | 18th Annual Conclave..... | February 18, 1881. |
| Maine..... | 29th Annual Conclave..... | May 5, 1880. |
| Maryland..... | 11th Annual Conclave..... | May 11, 1881. |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island..... | 75th Annual Conclave..... | For year ending October 31, 1881. |
| Michigan..... | 25th Annual Conclave..... | May 10, 1881. |
| Minnesota..... | 15th Annual Conclave..... | June 24, 1880. |
| Mississippi..... | 21st Annual Conclave..... | April 20, 1881. |
| Missouri..... | 20th Annual Conclave..... | May 3, 1881. |
| New Hampshire..... | 21st Annual Conclave..... | September 28, 1880. |
| New Jersey..... | 22d Annual Conclave..... | September 7, 1880. |
| New York..... | 67th Annual Conclave..... | October 5, 1880. |
| North Carolina..... | 1st Annual Conclave..... | May 10, 1881. |
| Ohio..... | 38th Annual Conclave..... | September 16, 1880. |
| Tennessee..... | 19th Annual Conclave..... | June 9, 1881. |
| Texas..... | 27th Annual Conclave..... | February 9, 1881. |
| Vermont..... | 39th Annual Conclave..... | June 14, 1881. |
| Virginia..... | 58th Annual Conclave..... | November 26, 1880. |
| Wisconsin..... | 22d Annual Conclave..... | October 20, 1880. |

Twenty-first Triennial, Chicago, August 1880.

We also notice Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

ALABAMA.

R. E. Grand Commander Beasley presiding, six subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says :

"Beyond the power of words to express, it gives me pleasure to announce, that during the year just added to those which have gone before, happiness, peace, prosperity and harmony have prevailed among us, as well as among the people of the State. Everywhere the assurance is given to purify, elevate and strengthen the Order. This state of affairs is a source of congratulation."

He says, "there have been but two or three decisions made and these were but a repetition of the written law." This is usually the case.

The three Commanderies in arrears for dues are given another year in which to pay, and be thereupon reinstated. Certainly very liberal.

Nearly all of the Grand Officers were re-elected.

Sir Knight Daniel Sayre, Grand Recorder, gives a very good report on correspondence.

In reviewing Colorado, in speaking of the Grand Commander's address, he says :

"He had decided that a Commandery under Dispensation cannot affiliate members.

The decision may be right; but we think it a little doubtful. We have tried to find some law touching the case, but have not succeeded."

Well, that was the way with us; so we decided it on principle, as we thought, and see no reason for changing our opinion.

CALIFORNIA.

Fifteen Commanderies represented.

In his address the Grand Commander says:

"I have not been called upon to render any decisions worthy of note. No differences have arisen between our subordinates; perfect harmony has reigned, and a thorough understanding of the law has been made manifest by the Eminent Commanders."

The principal part of the address is devoted to the Twenty-first Triennial Conclave and the coming Twenty-second.

Sir Knight Caswell devotes over one hundred closely-printed pages to correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of the different Grand Commanderies fully and ably.

CANADA.

The address of the Great Prior Moore is the leading feature of this assembly. The leading features of this address are :

1. Explaining the position of the National Great Priory of Canada as regards the union with the Great Priories of England and Ireland. The explanation seems to show that the union is not union at all, and that the relations existing between the Great Priory of Canada and the supreme body of the mother country are very unsatisfactory to all parties.

2. Explaining the doctrine of the Trinity, and taking the Grand Encampment of the United States to task.

"Our brethren of the United States have taken quite a different view of Templary from what we do, and founded a system exclusively their own, based exclusively upon Masonry. . . . It will be seen that Templary in the United States does not resemble that in the British Dominions in any particular, and cannot be considered as the same body. Allusion to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is altogether omitted, to admit of its being open to all denominations of Christian Masons, if not a greater latitude: and one of their leading members declares 'the test of the Trinity could not be adopted by them, as it would drop 20,000 Templars from the ranks, and reduce the influx one-half.' . . . The idea of our forming a union with the Templar branch of the United States, at one time mooted, and brought forward at the last Triennial Meeting of their Grand Encampment, never obtained any favor amongst the Nationalities of the British Empire, and since it has been clearly understood that they reject the Trinitarian doctrine and test, the objections have become doubly stronger, besides the different views entertained by them of Templary would not render a union advisable, however much we may be gratified to receive and welcome them as visitors in our receptories."

The Great Prior's allusion to the doctrine of the Trinity has created a great deal of comment by Committees on Correspondence. For a full review of the question we would respectfully call attention to an article following the general review of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, (Proceedings 1880, page 83,) which, if space permitted, we would like to reprint in full. It closes as follows:

"We reject the popular belief that Templar Masonry had its origin with the Chevalier Ramsey, or on the continent, at all; the genius of the Order is not in harmony with that latitudinarian, if not anti-Christian, spirit, which has characterized the minds of the Continental Masons even from its first introduction there from England in 1726. We have no doubt of its English origin; there is too much unadulterated orthodox Christian doctrine in the Order for it to have ever originated across the English Channel. The conclusion at which we arrive, and we have given our reasons therefor, is that belief in the Christian religion, including the Holy Trinity, was a dogma of the early Masons; that the early Templars were simply Masons who united themselves together for the purpose of preserving to Masonry, though in an added grade, what they regarded as one of its landmarks. Evolution

did its work, and from the embryo Masonic Templar Order of 1723-45, we have the great English and American Templar system of the present day; the grand characteristics of the Order being now as they were in the beginning:

" 'Belief in God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,' etc.

" We expect to be handled roughly by critics for the foregoing. We have this to say in our defense: we have only quoted history, and its logic has brought us to the conclusion we have expressed. Controvert it who will."

We are willing to stand by the article as our sentiments, notwithstanding rough handling by critics. We also call attention to our quotation under Vermont.

CONNECTICUT.

All the Grand Officers present except the G. C. G.
The Grand Commander in his address says:

I have visited every subordinate Commandery of the jurisdiction in their own asylums.

A practice to be heartily commended, but very difficult or impossible in a larger jurisdiction.

The Grand Officers were installed by R. E. Benjamin Dean, Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The usual routine business was transacted.

The report on Correspondence is ably prepared by Sir Knight Stedman, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

A beautiful steel engraving of M. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut makes the frontispiece.

Forty-nine of the fifty-one Commanderies represented.

"Peace and harmony have prevailed so generally, and that to-day there is no contention in any of the fifty-one subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction. The past has been an eventful year in the history of our order, showing a larger increase in our ranks than ever before, and probably larger than ever occurred in any State in one year. It was easily seen that the Conclave of the Grand Encampment to be held in our State would bring together a larger number of Templars than were ever before assembled. A desire to participate in the pleasures of that occasion stimulated many to seek admission who had long contemplated such a step. Some have feared that such a rapid growth was unhealthy, and that many would be

admitted who would do us no credit. This fear may apply to any other year as well : it is a danger in all years ; but from information in reply to numerous inquiries, I doubt if the proportion of *unworthy* admitted has been greater than in any previous year."

The Grand Commander seems to think his duties very arduous. No doubt they were, in fact the writer can attest as much from personal observation during the twenty-first Triennial, but the incumbent seemed fully equal to the task imposed on him.

No decisions of importance are reported.

He refers to the twenty-first Triennial by saying :

"Chicago undertook to surprise the world, and the world surprised Chicago by coming *en masse*,"

which is about the fact. We will speak of the Triennial hereafter.

Sir Knight Gurney constitutes the Committee on Correspondence and makes his report in his usual able and comprehensive style, covering nearly one hundred closely printed pages.

In reviewing Sir Knight Woodbury's report to our Grand Commandery 1879, he criticises and most emphatically disapproves of a report without comments of the reporter. In fact all the correspondents, so far as we know, who have reviewed that report take the same position.

For the personal compliment to ourself we are under obligations. He says of our Triennial Committee :

"Not finding any response we take it for granted that our friends are coming *en masse*."

We came very nearly doing so, and were very kindly received and courteously entertained.

INDIANA.

All the subordinate Commanderies, twenty-eight in number, represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says : prosperity and harmony prevail among the subordinate Commanderies.

A large accession of members took place during the year. He reports a remarkably large number of deaths, twenty-five in all and in fourteen Commanderies.

No decisions were necessary, which the Grand Commander attributes to the fact of the publication of the Code of Statutes and Templar Law, and thus they are so well understood that the Grand Commander was not called upon to interpret them.

A suggestion well worth remembering and acting upon.

The report on Correspondence by Sir Knight Charles Cruft, P. G. C., is very full and complete covering more than a hundred closely printed pages. Colorado is reported very fully.

He gives a full table showing the whole number of Templars in the United States and says:

"The aggregate number of Templars in the United States, during the year 1880, is shown by the table to be 51,765, against the report for 1879, of an aggregate (revised) of 49,299, thus showing a net gain of 2,458 during the year 1880, against one of 407, in 1879."

The best authorities give the whole number of Knights Templar in the world in round numbers, 56,000.

IOWA.

The Grand Commander does not complain of his arduous duties, but says:

"The duties connected with the office of Grand Commander for the past year, except those growing out of the triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, referred to hereafter, have been few and of an unimportant character, demanding but little attention. The officers of the several subordinate bodies seem to have had their work well in hand, and what has been done has been well done. The increase in membership has been large, probably exceeding that of any former year, and a gratifying feature in this connection is the fact that this increase has not been by way of new Commanderies under dispensation, but additions to those already chartered, strengthening the weak ones, and aiding, by way of numbers at least all of them.

Decisions—None required.

Grand Recorder Langridge makes a very excellent report on Correspondence, closing as follows:

"With this we close. We regret more than ever the imperfection of our work, its superficiality, its want of grasp, and its barrenness of result. Perhaps in a wider field,

with more to discuss, and a greater variety of topics, we might have done better; but comparing this with other reports, we fear the fault is more with the writer than with the subject—more with the farmer than with the soil he tills—still, such as it is, we submit it, asking kindly judgment, leniency for its faults and credit for the good intentions that have prompted its utterances."

In comparison with our limited space what shall we say ?
Nevertheless, we adopt the sentiment.

KENTUCKY.

The address of welcome, by Sir Knight Breckenridge, is very cordial, and in its way a model.

P. G. C. Woodruff makes the report for the Committee on Correspondence in his usual able and vigorous style. This is his eighth consecutive report.

We do not find any mention of our little Grand Commandery; probably it is so small he overlooked it.

LOUISIANA.

A volume smaller than our printed proceedings, which is unusual.

Grand Commander's address short and to the point.

Decisions—None of importance.

Proceedings, usual routine.

No report on Correspondence.

MAINE.

We should have the proceedings of 1881, but they have not come to hand.

Sir Knight Drummond, Grand Commander, tells us :

"Harmony has so generally prevailed that no case of grievance, real or fancied, has come to my knowledge during the year."

He comments very ably on that part of the address of the Great Prior of Canada, relating to the Trinity, and comes to the conclusion that :

"The term Christian Religion as expounded by the Christian world, for the time being, does not *necessarily* include a belief in the Trinity."

In which we fully concur.

The following shows what is a fact, that Templary is really an American institution. This we think will be a new idea to most readers :

"There is another consideration : under our present ritual, we have grown in almost undisturbed harmony from a mere handful to 50,000 strong. Is it wise, after nearly a century of such growth and prosperity, to introduce a disturbing element of so serious a character? We actually comprise the great Body of Templars in the world : outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment there are scarcely as many Templars as you represent here to-night. It comes with an ill-grace from the few, to demand of the many to abandon their ritual for a new one."

Sir Knight Stephen Berry makes the report on Correspondence. It is very full and ably written.

MARYLAND.

Six subordinate Commanderies represented. One Commandery surrendered its charter during the year, leaving only seven in the jurisdiction. Regarding decisions the Grand Commander says :

"I have been called upon for but few interpretations of Templar laws during my term of office, none, in fact, but what I have answered by reference to the regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of our own Grand Body. Since the publication of the Digest and Statutes of Templar Laws by the Grand Encampment, this severe task upon the time and patience of Grand Commanders has been greatly relieved."

This is what nearly all the Grand Commanders say.

The Grand Commandery, by a vote on the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, approved of the three year term for Grand Representatives.

The report on Correspondence is by Past Grand Commander Adrian, and is very complete and ably prepared, or rather we should say compiled, as it consists principally of quotations.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

This Grand Commandery was organized more than seventy-five years ago. The Grand Commander says in his address :

"To the little group of men who met in the asylum of St. John's Commandery, in May, 1806, Templar Masonry in this country is indebted for its early vitality and development, if not for its very existence."

Templar Masonry—yes, this is correct. Templary—Masonry—one and inseparable, notwithstanding what our Canadian fraters may say.

At the Annual Conclave in October, M. E. Grand Commander Dean was present, and was received with the honors due his rank and station.

A question of jurisdiction of the Commanderies in and adjacent to Boston received a great deal of attention, and it was finally decided that all the city Commanderies shall have concurrent jurisdiction within the limits of the city and territory where any one of them has jurisdiction, which seems eminently just and fair.

We find no report on Correspondence.

MICHIGAN.

M. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, G. M. Grand Encampment of the United States, was present, and was received with the honor due to his high station.

The Grand Commander reports some decisions, but none of general interest. He recommends public parades, as follows:

"Past Grand Commander McCurdy, in his address to this body three years since, expressed himself very earnestly in favor of public parades, and I desire to fully endorse all that he then said, and to add, that the subordinate Commanderies should be encouraged and stimulated by this Grand Body in their efforts to perfect themselves in the Templar drill, believing it to be for the best interests of the Order so to do. While I am not in favor of parading simply for show and public display, yet there are times when it is actually necessary for Commanderies to appear in public, and on such occasions it is at least gratifying to be able to acquit ourselves in a manner that will reflect honor and dignity upon the Order.

A Commandery that is thoroughly disciplined will invariably do better work inside the asylum, and we all know how much perfect discipline in the asylum adds to the beauty and impressiveness of the ritual."

We are in favor of thorough discipline, but think there are very few occasions when it is proper or desirable to parade in public.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is the principal feature of the published proceedings. It is by Sir Knight Innes, and covers one hundred and thirty closely printed pages, yet he says :

" We have aimed to be brief, extracting only such portions from the proceedings as were deemed of general interest, and avoided comment, save where the decisions of Grand Commanders differed from those of Michigan."

Colorado is not given a place in the report.

He gives nearly all of the address of Great Prior Moore, but expresses no opinion.

In closing he says :

" In our review of the States, including our own, we note with pleasure the spirit of unanimity which pervades our Order ; even minor differences, which have scarcely troubled the smooth sea, are almost unknown, and the usual questions of discussions seem to quietly slumber in the past. May this harmonious spirit characterize our present as well as future doings, and guide us in actions and deliberations that shall promote and advance our Order till we place it on the highest pinnacle, unassailable by man."

This is the expression of all the Grand Commanders and Committees on Correspondence, throughout the United States.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Commander reports his official acts in a very full address. He says :

" No dispute—no question of difference has been submitted to me for decision."

The Grand Commandery, escorted by Faribault and Cyrene Commanderies, proceeded to the Cathedral, where impressive religious ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Sir George B. Whipple.

The well prepared report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Pierson :

" We always look first to see what other reporters have to say about Minnesota, and taking it for granted that we are not alone in that particular, for convenience, we will at the conclusion of this paper, give the names of the Grand Bodies and the page where the notice may be found."

We read his report entire although Colorado does not appear in it. He takes issue with California on the decision that " A Companion whose right hand was so far disabled

as to prevent the use of the sword although able to hold it" was not eligible for the orders of knighthood. He cites an instance of a Companion who had but one arm, he does not say which, being received.

We go farther; in our opinion the day ought to be past when any physical test is required in *any* Masonic body. Suppose the candidate has but one arm, but as Sir Knight Pierson says, "he has head, brain, intellect, mental qualifications of a high order," these are recommendations in our opinion outweighing any quantity of legs and arms.

MISSISSIPPI.

After opening the Grand Commandery proceeded to the Methodist Church where the Offices of Devotion were observed in a solemn and impressive manner, and "after the exercises at Church the Grand Commandery marched around the Court House Square." For what purpose we are not told, but it is reported under the heading of PARADE.

As we have said elsewhere we think the occasion, when it is proper or desirable to appear in public as a Commandery or Grand Commandery are few. We do not think this one of them, but it may be a matter of taste.

The Grand Commander tells us that they have not increased numerically, but have lost nothing and that peace and harmony prevail.

A Subordinate Commandery requests permission "as a Commandery" to participate with a blue lodge in a Lodge of Sorrow. The letter says:

"Brother Renn was a good man and Mason of many years' usefulness, but by some oversight was suspended in the Commandery for non-payment of dues, which the Commandery since has squared up on the books."

"We desire to pay him the last respect, and be governed by the cardinal principle of Charity."

Just what is meant by "oversight" we do not know, but from what follows we infer that he was regularly suspended for non-payment of dues. No attention seems to have been

given to the question as to the propriety of appearing "as a Commandery" in a lodge of A. F. & A. M., which to say the least we think very doubtful and would have been sufficient ground in our opinion for the Grand Commander's refusal. The request is refused, however, on the ground simply of the suspension. It seems to us if his Commandery were willing to and did "square up his dues in the books" they should be allowed to pay their respects to his memory as he "was a good man and Mason of many years usefulness." We do not object to the refusal but to the grounds on which it is put.

The finances of the Grand Commandery do not seem to be in a very satisfactory condition and the Grand Recorder says of the report of the Committee on Correspondence :

"If it should happen to be lengthy, there is no money to print it, and hence our transactions would be shorn of a feature for which they have heretofore been quite valuable."

Yet we find a very able report printed taking the full forty pages allowed by the resolution of the Grand Commandery. It is prepared by Sir Knight DeLap, who seems both to deplore and to exult in his limitation to forty pages.

He says of a former report, and we presume the same is applicable to the present.

"We desire in the beginning, at the very threshold of this document, to assume the entire and sole responsibility of all and singular, its utterances, language and views, wholly relieving the Grand Commandery of Mississippi from any suspicion of its paternity and from any responsibility therefor. Being a married man, war has no terrors for us, and certainly not one waged by such a body as the Grand Encampment of the United States."

We supposed every Sir Knight understood that the Grand Commandery is in no way responsible for the views of its Committee on Correspondence.

Of the Council degrees, in reviewing Alabama, he quotes :

"It would require a more critical observer than we are to discover any loss of vitality in the Cryptic degrees, by reason of their merger into the Chapter. They were tolerably dead before, and it has been for years only a question of time when the funeral should take place. There is a vein of humbuggery pervading, or to be found in almost everything, and this furore in behalf of the Council degrees comes in heavily laden with it."

We cannot say just how much truth there is in this, but it seems to be the prevailing opinion.

The writer takes particular pains to express his strong opposition to the use of wines or liquors of any sort at Templar banquets, in which sentiments, personally, we heartily concur.

We would like to copy several items from this report, but our financial condition, like that of Mississippi, makes brevity imperative.

MISSOURI.

Sir Knight Waggoner, Grand Commander, presiding. Thirty-four subordinate Commanderies represented.

Of the financial condition of the subordinate Commanderies, the Grand Commander says :

"There is not one Commandery that is in debt, and the largest per cent. of same have amounts that do credit to themselves and this Grand Jurisdiction."

He then gives the amount on hand of each, when visited, showing an aggregate of over eight thousand dollars. This shows a remarkable state of prosperity.

The Committee on Grievances are happy to report that nothing has been referred to them.

Welch's tactics are continued.

Sir Knight Mayo, Grand Recorder, makes the report, his fourth, on correspondence.

We notice that reporters who continue year after year making reports seem to grow better, and hope Sir Knight Mayo will continue his good work. Our space forbids extracts, which we would like to make. Colorado is very pleasantly noticed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Of Decisions the Grand Commander says :

"The Constitution and Code of Laws of the Great Encampment, and the regulations of our own statutes, are so plain—and the E. Commanders apparently so well acquainted with them—that not in one instance have I been called upon to render

any decision upon Templar Law, or anything that would require official consideration."

The report of the Committee on Grievances, in the case of Sir Daniel R. Marshall, and the action taken, are peculiar.

Sir Knight Marshall was tried and found guilty on a charge of disobeying the orders of the Eminent Commander and suspended. He appeals.

The committee, in a report of five pages, carefully review the whole testimony, and close by recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the finding of guilty, in the case of Sir George W. Currier, Eminent Commander of St. George Commandery, against Sir Daniel R. Marshall, be and is hereby approved.

Resolved, That the sentence of suspension from the rights of a Templar, imposed upon the accused, be and hereby is vacated and annulled, and that said Daniel R. Marshall be from this date restored to all his rights and privileges as a Templar.'

Which, after some discussion, were adopted.

That is, they let the Eminent Commander, who prefers the charges, down easy by finding the accused *guilty*; and they let the accused down easy by saying in effect, "although guilty we will not punish you."

He was either guilty or not guilty, and if guilty he should have been punished.

Sir Knight Hunt makes the report on Correspondence, and covers nearly one hundred pages. Of Sir Knight Woodbury's report to our Grand Commandery he says:

"We regret that Sir Woodbury should adopt the view that it is not the duty of a Committee on Correspondence to express its opinion upon any matters that come under its notice, for we believe that by the expression of such opinions, and the discussion of disputed questions, that the truth is reached, errors corrected, and uniformity established. Quotations of acts and decisions of grand bodies or officers, unaccompanied by approval or disapproval, create but little interest; while, if reasons are given for assent or dissent, others may be convinced of the correctness of the principle involved, and add the weight of their authority."

He favors the plan of having all commissions of Grand Representatives expire with each Triennial Conclave.

The report contains more of the reporter and less quotations than any other we have examined and is very readable.

NEW JERSEY.

Twelve Commanderies represented. Sir Knight Register, Grand Commander, gives an able address, but our limited space prevents our quoting as we would like.

Sir Knight George B. Edwards makes the report on Correspondence and it is very complete.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Commander says regarding decisions many questions have been asked and answered. A great portion of them merely required reference to the Statutes and Regulations for solution.

The Grand Recorder Sir Knight Macoy, at the request of the Grand Commander, gives an article entitled "Crosses, &c.," in which he gives a full explanation of this emblem and its historical importance. Cuts of more than twenty different crosses are given and each fully explained. The article is well worth careful perusal.

The Committee on Correspondence in reviewing Colorado for 1879 very severely take Sir Knight Stanton, G. C., to task for his absence during the year :

"We take no stock in the excuses that are annually made of unexpected events and all the rest. When a Sir Knight accepts an election to office, he should know that he can discharge its duties to the best of his ability, and there should be no excuse at the end of the term, except unavoidable accidents, milder in nature than ordinary business engagements to be foreseen from the beginning. It is just about time that this thing should stop, and that when a Sir Knight solemnly vows, in the presence of his fraters, that he should know whereof he affirms, and not leave the completion of his vow contingent upon events which in advance he ought to be able to control."

In Sir Knight Stanton's case we know the excuse to be a valid one, that he was *necessarily* absent from the State, as he reports, and for reasons that could not have been foreseen by him at the time of his election. We fully agree with the report but think this case an exception.

Regarding Sir Knight Woodbury's report they say :

"Let us therefore hope that in due time Colorado will reach a point which will enable it to give us a full review."

We try it this year ; if not " full " it is fuller than heretofore.

NORTH CAROLINA.

A new Grand Commandery organized under warrant of M. E. Grand Master Benjamin Dean. Three Commanderies represented. Officers elected and installed. Statutes and Regulations adopted. The proceedings were very harmonious, and we wish the Grand Commandery of North Carolina a career of perpetual life and usefulness.

OHIO.

One of the most complete volumes of Proceedings we have seen. Thirty-four Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander in his address discusses a proposed change in jurisdiction :

" The several subordinate Commanderies of Ohio, and so far as I am informed, of the other Grand jurisdictions, have been organized with a clearly defined territorial jurisdiction, and with reference to its capacity to build up and maintain a healthful and useful Commandery. The statutes require applicants for the Orders to present their petitions to the body nearest their respective homes, where they are supposed to be, and probably are best known and their true characters appreciated. The alteration of the statutes proposed at the last annual conclave, and upon which you will be called to act, will, if adopted, change the whole system, and obliterate all lines of territorial jurisdiction, and leave applicants free to present their petitions to any Commandery in the State. Whether so radical a change is desired, and would advance or maintain the purity and high standing of our Order, is worthy of careful consideration. The experience of the past should not be disregarded ; nor should a system under which we have prospered be abandoned without adequate cause, nor the healthful growth of our subordinates endangered, by the diversion of its material to another possessing equal, or even superior advantages of location and jurisdiction."

Before a vote was reached it was ascertained that such a change would be unconstitutional and it was declared out of order, which was certainly right.

Sir Knight Carson makes the report, his fifth, on Correspondence, taking one hundred and seventeen pages. In reviewing Canada we have quoted from and referred to Sir Knight Carson's article on the Trinity.

He reviews Colorado for 1878. The Committee should have received 1879 in ample time for this report.

Sir Knight Carson in closing says regarding his articles on the Trinity and Knights of Malta Ritual :

" To prepare such articles requires much labor and research, all which we have contributed to our brethren at no inconsiderable sacrifice of our own time and comfort."

And for which he should receive the thanks of students of Masonic literature and history.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have not received the Proceedings of this State for 1880 or 1881, both of which should have been received before this time. We find other committees have received the Proceedings for 1880, from which we learn that "the proceedings were lengthy but routine." May be that is it, they are so heavy and we so far away, that they have not arrived yet. Hope they will arrive in time for somebody to report them next year.

TENNESSEE.

This seems to have been a grand gala day Conclave. Parades, address of welcome, response, church services. Then proceedings proper, usual routine business, reports, etc., with, during the time, receptions at residences brilliantly illuminated and handsomely decorated, and the grounds lighted up in the most artistic manner, the parlors filled up with fair ladies, tables groaning under the weight of good things, and the finest champagne flowing freely, (what will Sir Knight De Lap say to this?) and other grand things, which the Grand Recorder says he does not attempt to describe, because he cannot do the subject justice. It makes us dizzy and we desist. No, we cannot yet; we must give a paragraph entire, near the close of the Proceedings :

"The dance, which lasted until two o'clock, was surely much enjoyed by all parties. No sets were engaged until after the dancing begun, which enabled the strangers to participate. It is asking a great thing of young men not to make engagements ahead, and without absolute firmness on the part of the young ladies it is rarely done, but last night proved an exception. There were about eighty-three couples on the floor at different times, and the dancing was what expressive young people call 'just splendid.' The costumes were in many cases magnificent, and a more beautiful set of young ladies has not assembled in Knoxville."

Seriously, we have no objection to this "sound of revelry," in fact would like to participate, but the report of it would be more proper for a sensational daily newspaper than the published proceedings, the history, of a Grand Commandery.

There is a full report on Correspondence, which we are inclined to attribute to Sir Knight Howell, Grand Recorder, and that the inspiration of the occasion was such that he forgot to sign it.

TEXAS.

The Grand Commander tells us that in making visitations, he has traveled over sixteen hundred miles, which tells of a great deal of time and labor spent in the discharge of this duty.

He issued a circular asking answers to certain questions, with a view of preserving the history of the Order, an example which should be followed by our own Grand Commandery, as many interesting and valuable facts regarding our early history might now be obtained and preserved, which will soon be beyond our power to obtain.

The Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Carpenter, delivered a very interesting address, which is reported in full.

Sir Knight Good makes the report, a very full one, on Correspondence. Colorado is very kindly noticed, and we comply with the reporter's request, and make a report on Correspondence.

VERMONT.

Sir Knight Edward S. Dana, Grand Commander, presiding. Seven subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander's address shows the order to be in a healthy and flourishing condition.

Sir Knight Fisher, in commencing his report on Correspondence, says he makes his appearance for the first and last time, but as we see he is again chairman we hope he will relent on the "last time" part of his declaration. Colorado is very pleasantly noticed.

This, regarding Canada, makes an explanation regarding the doctrine of the Trinity which we most heartily endorse :

"We do not believe that it is clearly understood that we reject the Trinitarian doctrine, else our ritual is unmeaning sound and all our special services vain words, referring as they do to the propitiation of the Father and the sacrifice of the son. It was the *test* and not the doctrine of the Holy Trinity which was rejected. We believe and know that to-day the great majority of our Templars are Trinitarian, and would not allow the doctrine to be rejected, though perhaps the same majority—we say it as Trinitarians, confessors of the Creed—would wisely refuse to have this doctrine made a test, or rather to define and extend the present test. We may now also conclude that the Templars of Canada are non-Trinitarians, for they made a test of that doctrine and then repealed it, thereby either yielding to those they call unbelievers, or become Unitarians themselves. As they receive and welcome heretics, they welcome heresy. *Qui facit per alium facit per se*. Again, if Templary is not taught in the United States, there is little teaching of it in the world, for the whole number of Templars in the world is 54,751, of which number there are in the United States 50,043. A little leaven may indeed leaven the whole mass, but not by arrogance and declaring unclean. We feel the tone of this address, clever as it is, and were we called on to state the end and object of Templary in Canada, should feel like saying, that it lived to fear and denounce what is called the heresy of American Templarism."

VIRGINIA.

Ten subordinate Commanderies represented. Peace and harmony reign throughout this jurisdiction.

Sir Knight Bain, Grand Commander, in his address, gives a very full report of his official acts, but they are not of general interest outside the State.

The Committee on Correspondence report that they are unable to make their usual report. The same committee is continued.

WEST VIRGINIA.

All we have for this State is a slip giving certain decisions made by Sir Knight Frank Rex, Grand Commander.

Decision second—The wearing of the uniform is reprehensible at a promiscuous party, even though the assembly be held in the Asylum.

This is not far from Tennessee, and some of our friends in that state may take exceptions to this decision.

WISCONSIN.

Sir Knight Woodhull, Grand Commander presiding. Thirteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander in his address tells us, that the Order is in a happy and prosperous condition throughout the jurisdiction, and that no decisions have been necessary.

Report on Correspondence by Sir Knight Carpenter. It is of the usual order of such documents, and we could only give an idea by making quotations, which our space will not allow.

TWENTY-FIRST TRIENNIAL.

With one or two exceptions, we have omitted all allusions to the meeting of the Grand Encampment at Chicago, intending to give, under this head, a summary of the opinions given by the different Grand Commanders and Committees on Correspondence. From an examination of all the proceedings commented on, and our personal recollection of what took place, we hardly know what to say. The Grand Commander of Wisconsin is most bitter in his report of the proceedings, and the treatment of the SIR KNIGHTS from his jurisdiction. The Grand Commander of Indiana, coming from the other side of Illinois, is quite complimentary. He makes some reservations, however :

"It would have been a miracle indeed if, among so vast a concourse of human beings, each demanding shelter, sustenance and social enjoyment, there had not been instances of discomfort, and cause for complaint."

There is a great deal of truth in what the Grand Commander of Mississippi says :

" I have heard many complaints of Chicago, the treatment there received, and of the Triennial Committee, but none from the Sir Knights of Mississippi. Personally I can and do bear willing testimony to many courtesies and attentions received ; and to the further fact, that so far as I was able to judge, the delegation from Mississippi had an excellent time, and no cause to find fault with anybody. When the reverse of this was the case, the fault almost always can be, and was found to rest with the grumbler."

The Sir Knights from Colorado were, under all the circumstances, very hospitably and courteously entertained, and passed very flattering resolutions on the eve of their departure from Chicago.

The Grand Commander and Committee on Correspondence of Maryland are very complimentary.

Illinois makes a very respectful apology for some things that occurred, but intimates very strongly that no Committee or body of men, or city in the United States, could have done better under the circumstances, which is probably true.

We quote from the address of Sir Knight Bain, of Virginia :

" But in this connection I desire to say, that while to me the pilgrimage to Chicago was most pleasant, yet there were, as could not otherwise be expected upon the assembling of such a concourse of Sir Knights, many complaints ; but of these I have nothing to say or personally to complain. It may be that our Chicago fraters either overestimated their own abilities to accommodate so vast a host, or underestimated the numbers which would assemble within her walls. But whatever inconveniences or disappointments resulted from the great gathering, they were more than recompensed and repaid by the great benefit resulting from the social intercourse of the thousands there assembled, and the lasting friendships formed between the Sir Knights from the different Grand Jurisdictions ; and however circumstances may have combined to mar the pleasures of the occasion, there was one subject about which there could be no dissenting opinion. That the grand parade was a success all will concur. It was indeed " a goodly sight," a pageant long to be remembered ; and such an array of Knights with their nodding plumes, glittering swords, waving banners, and silken pennons streaming in the wind, will not soon be forgotten by any whose fortune it was to be there.

As in time we forget the discomforts, and memory recalls the pleasures of the occasion, we hope and believe that this will come to be, as it is ours, the universal feeling of all who participated in that long-to-be-remembered occasion.

CONCLUSION.

Probably we should apologize for this report, but we do not like to do so.

Our Code of Statutes adopted at the organization of our Grand Commandery makes this provision regarding the Committee on Correspondence :

" The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next annual conclave ; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence."

The intent of those adopting it, among whom was the writer, being in reality to make the Grand Recorder chairman of this Committee.

A short time since our Grand Recorder wrote me saying his duties were such that it was impossible for him to make a report and saying if I would do so he would send me the proceedings. They were sent and we have done the best we could under the circumstances.

We have devoted what little time we could get to the work and after getting started have rather enjoyed it. We have felt it to be an imperative duty to make our report short on account of the expense of printing, and it has given us much more trouble to decide what *not* report than what to put in.

And now with our best wishes for the prosperity, peace and happiness of, and kindred regards to, all true and courteous Sir Knights who may read or ever see this report, we submit the same.

Courteously,

H. M. ORAHOOD,

For the Committee on Correspondence.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1881.

COLORADO COMMANDERY NO. 1 — DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

DISPENSATION JANUARY 13, 1866 — CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 18, 1868, BY GRAND
ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.

[Concludes first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Roger W. Woodbury, E. C.
William D. Todd, G.
George C. Roberts, C. G.
Frank Church, Pre.
Aaron Gove, S. W.
William N. Babcock, J. W.

James M. Strickler, Treas.
Oliver A. Whittemore, Rec.
William Toovey, Std. B.
William E. Greenlee, Swd. B.
Orr Legge, War.
Thomas Linton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anthony, W. D.
Ashley, E. M.
Allen, Samuel M.
Austin, S. D.
Allen, H. E.
Boone, A. G.
Brown, J. Sidney
Billings, George N.
Bayles, B. H.
Blair, Thomas W.
Bergh, Abraham
Clarke, Clarence J.
Cheesman, W. S.
Christian, W. A.
Cook, D. J.
Came, Virgil M.
Cranmer, W. H. H.
Corning, George C.
Dalley, John L.
Danielson, Frank M.
Davis, Flavius N.
Dieterichs, W. F.
Durell, E. P.

Evans, John
Elbert, Samuel H.
Edbrooke, F. E.
Fisher, C. W.
Fitzgerald, M. J.
Gallup, Francis
Gird, C. C.
Griffin, Fred. F.
Goodwin, H. S.
Graham, D. B.
Hatten, Robert L.
Hutchins, Samuel A.
Henry, O. H.
Henry, Albert T.
Kountze, Charles B.
Kavenagh, R. F.
Klock, John I.
Loper, Edward J.
Lambert, Joseph
McCarty, Leander
McLellan, W. W.
McConnell, J. G.
McCarty, A. J.

Otis, Oran G.
Pierson, R. K.
Reynolds, J. E.
Routt, John L.
Rogers, B. W.
Raine, John D.
Reed, William
Sagendorf, A.
Sopris, Richard
Sayre, Alfred
Spangler, Michael
Tuttle, H. B.
Tritch, George
Titcomb, J. S.
Willoughby, E. A.
Winne, Peter
Wheeler, B. A.
Watkins, L. A.
Wilson, A. D.
Wilson, W. J.
Wilgus, T. B.
Wolff, Alfred
Winter, A. T.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY NO. 2.—CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

DISPENSATION NOVEMBER 8, 1866.—CHARTERED OCTOBER 28, 1868, BY GRAND
ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.*[Conclude third Thursday in each month.]*

OFFICERS.

William Fullerton, E. C.
Benjamin T. Wells, G.
Foster Nichols, C. G.
David C. Collier, Pre.
Thomas H. Potter, S. W.
Richard W. Mosley, J. W.John Best, Treas.
Samuel I. Lorah, Rec.
James Hutchinson, Std. B.
George W. Mabey, Swd. Br.
Edward F. Clinton, War.
George A. Pugh, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Butler, Hugh
Jones, Aaron M.
Lechner, George W.
Martin, Caleb J.
Newcomb, Henry E.Orabood, Harper M.
Roberts, Daniel
Sayr, Hal.
Smith, J. AldenTeller, Henry M.
Tallman, Jacob
Van Deren, Arch, J.
Watson, Joseph W.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY, No. 3—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

DISPENSATION AUGUST 17, 1874 — CHARTERED DECEMBER 3, 1874, BY GRAND
ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.*[Conclude first Saturday in each month.]*

OFFICERS.

I. W. Stanton, E. C.
G. M. Chilcott, G.
W. W. Stralt, C. G.
D. F. Urmey, Pre.
H. N. Banks, S. W.
G. H. Hard, J. W.M. H. Fitch, Treas.
C. E. Newcomer, Rec.
J. J. Thomas, Std. B.
G. W. Perkins, Swd. Br.
Chris. Wilson, War.
G. H. Root, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, George S.
Bartels, J. L.
Blunt, M. A.
Clough, A.
Crary, B. F.
DeRemer, J. R.
France, Matt
Grant, A. A.
Goodnight, CharlesKane, W. B.
Keeler, H. B.
King, F. P.
Lytle, R. F.
Morgan, G. W.
Morse, H. M.
Morton, J. G.
McAnulty, R. E.McMurtrie, J. A.
Nelson, Charles F.
Orman, James B.
Pochon, J. J.
Shrock, Frank H.
Smith, J. E.
Sergeant, Ellis
Thatcher, H. C.

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY, No. 4, GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

DISPENSATION JANUARY 24, 1880.—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 24, 1880.

[Stated Concludes first Wednesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

John R. Hambel, E. C.
Thomas Cornish, G.
Warren M. Fletcher, C. G.
Ed. C. Parmelee, P.
George H. Barrett, S. W.
Charles H. Jacobson, J. W.William W. Ware, Treas.
Henry C. Bates, Rec.
John F. Phillips, Std B.
Ernest Le Neve Foster, Sw'd B.
Charles H. Wade, War.
William H. Christie, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Boyer, Henry
Barton, William E.
Criley, William W.
Fish, Charles R.

Glaze, Daniel W.
Johnson, Albert
Love, Joseph A.
Lees, James

Morrison, Robert S.
Pomeroy, Richard A.
Pollard, Charles W.
Patterson, Melville C.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY, No. 5, LEADVILLE,
LAKE COUNTY.

DISPENSATION MAY 1, 1880.—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 24, 1880.

[Stated Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Porter J. Coston, E. C.
Joseph H. Playter, G.
Francis Rose, C. G.
Thos. J. Mackay, P.
L. B. Wheat, S. W.
Willard S. Hyde, J. W.

Cornellus C. Hourse, Treas.
Frank H. Officer, Rec.
Peter Becker, St'd B.
Wm. H. Bright, Sw'd R.
Geo. W. Drake, War.
Rob't L. Delay, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Fox, J. M.
Clode, Wm. Y.
Alfred, Jno.
Welmer, Jno. F.
Warren, Henry L.

Branch, Albert H.
Kelley, Jay G.
Clark, Wm. M.
Pena, Sotero
Peterson, Peter A.

Foley, Tim
Gruber, E. H.
McKenzie, Jno.
Var Wagenen, Theo. F.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY, U. D., COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

DISPENSATION APRIL 18, 1881.

To Andrew Sagendorf, E. C., Matt. France, G., John Courter, C. G., and 16 other
Sir Knights.

CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 25, 1881, AS PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6,

To A. Sagendorf, E. C., Matt. France, G., R. R. Crawford, C. G., and

Courter, John
Wilbur, M. C.
Hale, Frank W.
Reynolds, J. E.
Summers, George
Lytle, W. H.
Edwards, Chas. E.
Mook, A. E.
Skinner, L. C.

Ozman, M. A.
Peck, O. H.
Wanless, John
Merrill, W. H. D.
Martin, F. L.
Alexander, Walter
Howbert, Irving
Crowell, B. F.
Humphrey, Jas. F.

Ellison, J. M.
Hinnebough, J. A.
Peirce, R. G.
Barnes, Jas. P.
Lawton, A. L.
Potter Jno.
Eaton, E. J.
Bletao, A. J.
Barton, C. T.

STATISTICS OF TEMPLARS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Compiled by Sir Knight Charles Cruft, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Indiana.

| Grand Jurisdiction. | Date of Organizations. | Date of Report last Received. | No. of Sub-ordinates. | Knighted. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Died. | Total Membership. | Dues Received. |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|----------------|
| Alabama | December 1, 1860 | May 19, 1880 | 7 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 3 | .. | 2 | 212 | \$ 357 00 |
| Arkansas | May 25, 1872 | November 17, 1880 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 15 | .. | 2 | 144 | 377 00 |
| California | April 10, 1858 | April 16, 1880 | 15 | 71 | 13 | 1 | 23 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 955 | 1320 00 |
| Colorado | March 4, 1876 | September 22, 1880 | 10 | 39 | 16 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 185 | 344 00 |
| Connecticut | September 13, 1827 | March 16, 1880 | 23 | 23 | .. | .. | .. | 48 | .. | 13 | 1296 | 719 50 |
| Georgia | April 25, 1860 | May 19, 1880 | 8 | 68 | 3 | .. | 12 | 11 | .. | 4 | 318 | 618 00 |
| Illinois | October 27, 1857 | October 20, 1880 | 51 | 338 | 86 | 39 | 113 | 65 | 4 | 41 | 485 | 4315 00 |
| Indiana | May 6, 1854 | April 27, 1880 | 27 | 129 | 12 | 10 | 35 | 30 | 6 | 24 | 1890 | 2380 50 |
| Iowa | June 6, 1864 | October 6, 1880 | 37 | 302 | 50 | 9 | 60 | 23 | 1 | 15 | 1971 | 1634 50 |
| Kansas | January 29, 1868 | May 11, 1880 | 15 | 90 | 30 | .. | 33 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 573 | 886 50 |
| Kentucky | January 5, 1847 | February 13, 1880 | 20 | 106 | 30 | .. | 28 | 19 | .. | 12 | 1231 | 953 00 |
| Louisiana | February 4, 1864 | May 12, 1880 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 22 | 6 | 6 | 346 | 671 50 |
| Maine | May 5, 1852 | May 5, 1880 | 13 | 70 | 8 | .. | 14 | 18 | .. | 13 | 1596 | 673 50 |
| Maryland | January 22, 1871 | March 29, 1880 | 8 | 44 | 14 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 708 | 840 00 |
| Mass. and Rhode Island | May 6, 1865 | October 29, 1880 | 39 | 274 | 37 | 21 | 95 | 95 | .. | 90 | 5690 | 1342 35 |
| Michigan | January 15, 1857 | May 11, 1880 | 30 | 155 | 27 | .. | 44 | 25 | .. | 25 | 2569 | 222 35 |
| Minnesota | October 23, 1865 | June 24, 1880 | 12 | 101 | 12 | .. | 11 | 21 | .. | 1 | 762 | 658 50 |
| Mississippi | January 21, 1857 | April 15, 1880 | 14 | 28 | 9 | 4 | 14 | 33 | .. | 6 | 435 | 588 00 |
| Missouri | May 22, 1860 | May 4, 1880 | 32 | 142 | 59 | 12 | 77 | 75 | .. | 29 | 1285 | 1837 00 |
| Nebraska | December 22, 1871 | April 6, 1880 | 8 | 32 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 385 | 835 53 |
| New Hampshire | August 23, 1850 | September 28, 1880 | 9 | 69 | 9 | .. | 17 | 10 | .. | 12 | 1102 | 677 00 |
| New Jersey | February 14, 1860 | September 7, 1880 | 14 | 63 | 25 | 11 | 18 | 20 | .. | 8 | 1143 | 748 50 |
| New York | June 18, 1814 | October 5, 1880 | 54 | 331 | 50 | 41 | 124 | 268 | 2 | 89 | 6696 | 3999 00 |
| Ohio | October 23, 1843 | September 16, 1880 | 34 | 640 | 51 | 44 | 67 | 64 | 6 | 37 | 3559 | 4213 25 |
| Pennsylvania | April 14, 1854 | May 25, 1880 | 54 | 293 | 40 | 10 | 57 | 95 | 1 | 78 | 5936 | 3487 99 |
| Tennessee | October 12, 1859 | May 6, 1880 | 13 | 41 | 16 | 2 | 24 | 18 | .. | 2 | 750 | 1107 00 |
| Texas | January 19, 1855 | February 11, 1880 | 13 | 74 | 10 | 7 | 24 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 680 | 782 00 |
| Vermont | June 17, 1824 | June 8, 1880 | 9 | 41 | 1 | .. | 9 | 4 | .. | 4 | 690 | 285 40 |
| Virginia | November 27, 1823 | November 25, 1880 | 15 | 36 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 11 | .. | 11 | 795 | 456 00 |
| West Virginia | February 25, 1874 | G. Rec. MS, Dec. 31, 1880 | 7 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 256 | 143 80 |
| Wisconsin | October 30, 1859 | October 20, 1880 | 15 | 196 | 24 | 2 | 35 | 24 | 1 | 8 | 1190 | 1568 50 |
| Grand Encampment. | June 23, 1816 | G. Rec. MS., Dec. 31, 1880. | 24 | 117 | 79 | 12 | 25 | 43 | 3 | 18 | 1595 | 262 00 |
| Total | | | 650 | 4265 | 744 | 245 | 1664 | 1112 | 42 | 578 | 51755 | \$ 40195 77 |

REINSTATED.

| NAME. | COM- MANDERY | DATE. |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Wanless, John | 1 | June 7, 1881. |
| Corning, George C. | 1 | August 16, 1881. |

DIED.

| NAME. | COM- MANDERY | DATE. |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Clough, Henry A. | 1 | September 7, 1880. |
| Ford, Frank | 1 | January 30, 1881. |
| Haskell, Noah D. | 2 | May 10, 1881. |
| McMurtry, Joseph | 5 | August 31, 1881. |

DIMITTED.

| NAME. | COM- MANDERY | DATE. |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Armstrong, J. A. | 1 | December 7, 1880. |
| Wanless, John | 1 | June 7, 1881. |
| DeMatton, James P. | 2 | December 16, 1880. |
| Mack, Jacob | 2 | August 18, 1881. |
| Kleinfelter, Peter K. | 5 | August 15, 1881. |

DROPPED FROM THE ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

| NAME. | COM- MANDERY | DATE. |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Bates, Walter. | 2 | August 13, 1881. |
| Joblin, William J. | 2 | August 18, 1881. |
| Munson, George C. | 2 | August 18, 1881. |

CHARTER MEMBERS OF OTHER COMMANDERIES.

REPORTED BY CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Cornish, Thomas. | Georgetown. No. 4 | Love, Joseph A. | Georgetown. No. 4 |
| Crilly, William W. | " " | Lake, Richard C. | Deadwood, D. T. |
| Fletcher, Warren M. | " " | Parmelee, Ed. C. | Georgetown, No. 4 |
| Hambel, John R. | " " | Ware, William W. | " " |
| Johnson, Albert. | " " | Wade, Charles H. | " " |
| Jacobson, Charles H. | " " | | |

SUMMARY.

| COMMANDERY. | No. | CREATED. | ADMITTED. | REINSTATED. | DIED. | DEMITTED. | DROPPED FROM THE ROLL. | MEMBERS |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------|-----------|------------------------|---------|
| Colorado | 1 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | ... | 81 |
| Central City | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | 14 | 25 |
| Pueblo | 3 | 4 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 37 |
| Georgetown | 4 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
| Mount of the Holy Cross | 5 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 26 |
| Pike's Peak | U. D. 8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| Total | | 24 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 220 |

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Commandery, March 14, 1876.

| GRAND COMMANDER. | DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER | GRAND GENERALissimo. | GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL. | GRAND PRELATE. | GRAND TREASURER. | GRAND RECORDER. |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1876. Henry M. Teller. | Webster D. Anthony | Irving W. Stanton. | James M. Strickler. | *P. Voorheis Finch. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1877. Webster D. Anthony. | Irving W. Stanton. | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1878. Irving W. Stanton. | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1879. Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1880. James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | William Fullerton. | Thomas J. Mackay. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1881. Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | William Fullerton. | Porter J. Coston. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |

*Dimitted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| FROM | TO |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wm. Fullerton, Black Hawk. | Daniel Smith, Mobile. |
| David J. Cook, Denver. | Samuel L. Griffith, Little Rock. |
| Harper M. Oranhood, Denver. | Henry Sayre Orme, Los Angeles. |
| Richard Spangler, Denver. | Joseph F. Odwarka, New London. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central. | John H. Fardl, Savannah. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central. | Norman T. Gassette, Chicago. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo. | Salathiel T. Williams, Kendallville. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo. | John C. Schrader, Iowa City. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver. | Owen A. Bassett, Lawrence. |
| William N. Byers, Denver. | Michael E. Girard, Opelousas. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver. | George M. Howe, Portland. |
| Oliver A. Whittemore, Denver. | Christian B. Kiehnacker, Baltimore. |
| David C. Collier, Central. | David F. Parker, Worcester, Mass. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver. | Hugh McCurdy, Corvuna. |
| Eli M. Ashley, Denver. | Frederick Speed, Vicksburg. |
| Peter Winn, Denver. | William P. Madden, St. Louis. |
| Robert K. Pierson, Denver. | Daniel H. Wheeler, Portsmouth. |
| William N. Byers, Denver. | Joseph W. Hildreth, Concord. |
| William D. Todd, Denver. | Frederick G. Wiese, Bordenstown. |
| Harper M. Oranhood, Denver. | Joshua M. Booth, Cleveland. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver. | William H. Eagle, Harrisburg. |
| Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown. | James D. Richardson, Murfreesboro. |
| John R. Hambel, Georgetown. | Theodore M. Chapman, Middlebury. |
| Michael H. Fitch, Pueblo. | Charles F. Scott, Parkersburg. |

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Alabama | Daniel Sayer | Montgomery |
| Arkansas | John W. Rison | Little Rock |
| California | Thomas H. Caswell | San Francisco |
| Canada | Daniel Spry | Barrie, Ont. |
| Colorado | Ed. C. Parmelee | Georgetown |
| Connecticut | John W. Stedman | Norwich |
| Georgia | Charles R. Armstrong | Macon |
| Illinois | Gil. W. Barnard | Chicago |
| Indiana | John M. Bramwell | Indianapolis |
| Iowa | William B. Langridge | Muscatine |
| Kansas | John H. Brown | Wyandotte |
| Kentucky | L. D. Croninger | Covington |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans |
| Maine | Ira Berry | Portland |
| Maryland | Charles T. Sisco | Baltimore |
| Massachusetts and Rh. Island | A. F. Chapman | Boston |
| Michigan | William P. Innes | Grand Rapids |
| Minnesota | A. T. C. Pierson | St. Paul |
| Mississippi | J. L. Power | Jackson |
| Missouri | William H. Mayo | St. Louis |
| Nebraska | Wm. R. Bowen | Omaha |
| New Hampshire | George P. Cleaves | Concord |
| New Jersey | Charles Bechtel | Trenton |
| New York | Robert Macoy | New York |
| North Carolina | James C. Munds | Wilmington |
| Ohio | James Nesbit | Troy |
| Pennsylvania | Charles E. Meyer | Philadelphia |
| Tennessee | Morton B. Howell | Nashville |
| Texas | Robert Brewster | Houston |
| Vermont | George W. Wing | Montpelier |
| Virginia | William B. Isaacs | Richmond |
| West Virginia | George F. Irvine | Wheeling |
| Wisconsin | John W. Woodhull | Milwaukee |
| United States | Theodore S. Parvin | Iowa City, Iowa |

CODE OF STATUTES

—OF—

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR and the Appendant Orders of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

Jurisdiction.

Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

Objects.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause, annul and revoke the

same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

This Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

The annual conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at the City of Denver, on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five (75) dollars; *Provided, however,* That this shall not apply to petitions heretofore received by any Commandery under this Grand Commandery.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For Dispensation ninety dollars (\$90), and for Charter the further sum of ten dollars (\$10.)

SEC. 3. Each subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of one dollar annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every Subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns; a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each annual conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular annual conclave.

SEC. 5. The Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery shall be entitled to the sum of five dollars (\$5) for each dispensation granted, and the further sum of five dollars (\$5) for each charter when issued.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees of three Sir Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
 2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
 3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
 4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.
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To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto ; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next annual conclave ; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

FORMS.


FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir ———, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:

The undersigned, petitioners, respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at ———, and to be known as ——— Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir ———, to be the first Commander; Sir ———, to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir ——— to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at ———, in the County of ———, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the Order.

Dated, ———.

 The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$50.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of ——— Commandery, No. ———, Knights Templar, stationed at ———, Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in ——— Lodge, No. —, and the degree of M. M., P. M., M. E., and R. A., in ——— Chapter, No. —, and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is ———.

Residence, ———.

Occupation ———.

Dated at ———, Col., ———, A. D. 18—.

We recommend Companion _____ to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report

_____, Col., _____, A. D. 18—, A. O. 76—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of _____ Commandery No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at _____, Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, and late a member of _____ Commandery, No. —, stationed at _____, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is _____

Residence, _____

Occupation, _____

_____, Col., _____, A. D., 18—, A. O. 76—.

We recommend Sir _____ to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

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GRAND OFFICERS.

A. D. 1881-82.

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| SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER..... | DENVER..... | G. Commander. |
| SIR MICHAEL H. FITCH..... | PUEBLO..... | D. G. Commander. |
| SIR WILLIAM FULLERTON..... | BLACK HAWK..... | G. Generalissimo. |
| SIR PORTER J. COSTON..... | LEADVILLE..... | G. Captain General. |
| SIR FRANCIS GALLUP..... | DENVER..... | G. Prelate. |
| SIR GEORGE C. ROBERTS..... | DENVER..... | G. S. Warden. |
| SIR CHARLES H. JACOBSON..... | GEORGETOWN..... | G. J. Warden. |
| SIR WILLIAM D. TODD..... | DENVER..... | G. Treasurer. |
| SIR ED. C. PARMELEE..... | GEORGETOWN..... | G. Recorder. |
| SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY..... | DENVER..... | G. Standard Bearer. |
| SIR ANDREW SAGENDORF..... | COLORADO SPRINGS..... | G. Sword Bearer. |
| SIR CHRISTOPHER WILSON..... | SOUTH PUEBLO..... | G. Warder. |
| SIR THOMAS LINTON..... | DENVER..... | G. Capt. of Guard. |

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

SIR IRVING W. STANTON, PUEBLO.
SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, DENVER.
SIR HENRY M. TELLER, CENTRAL.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, DENVER.
SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, DENVER.
SIR GRAND RECORDER.

*The next Annual Convocation will be held in Denver on Friday after the
Third Tuesday in September, A. D. 1882.*

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Grand Commandery



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF COLORADO.

DENVER, COLORADO, 1882.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO,



At its Seventh Annual Conclave,

HELD IN DENVER

September 22, 1882, A. O. 760.

Sir Michael H. Fitch, Pueblo, C. C.

Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown, C. B.

Grand Commandery

OF COLORADO.

1882.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in annual conclave at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery No. 1, in Denver, Friday, September 22d, A. D. 1882, A. O. 764 at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—

OFFICERS.

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| SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER | G. Commander. |
| SIR MICHAEL H. FITCH | D. G. Commander. |
| SIR WILLIAM FULLERTON | G. Generalissimo. |
| SIR PORTER J. COSTON | G. Captain General. |
| SIR FRANCIS GALLUP | G. Prelate. |
| SIR GEORGE C. ROBERTS | G. S. Warden. |
| SIR CHARLES H. JACOBSON | G. J. Warden. |
| SIR WM. D. TODD | G. Treasurer. |
| SIR ED. C. FARMLEE | G. Recorder. |
| SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY | G. Standard Bearer. |
| SIR ANDREW SAGENDORF | G. Sword Bearer. |
| SIR CHRISTOPHER WILSON | G. Warder. |
| SIR THOMAS LINTON | G. Capt. of Guard. |

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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| SIR W. D. ANTHONY | P. G. Commander. |
| SIR I. W. STANTON | P. G. Commander. |
| SIR H. M. ORAHOOD | P. G. Commander. |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR WM. FULLERTON, Alabama.
SIR H. M. ORAHOOD, California and Pennsylvania.
SIR M. SPANGLER, Connecticut.
SIR I. W. STANTON, Indiana and Iowa.
SIR R. W. WOODBURY, Louisiana and Maryland.

SIR W. D. TODD, Ohio.

SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, Vermont.

SIR M. H. FITCH, Wisconsin.

and representatives from all of the Chartered Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery was opened in Knightly form.

CREDENTIALS.

Sirs M. H. Fitch, H. M. Orahood and L. B. Wheat were appointed as a Committee on Credentials and presented the following report, which on motion of Sir Frank W. Hale, was adopted, and the proxies recognized for this Annual Conclave.

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of Colorado:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Sir Knights present and entitled to seats and votes:

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| MICHAEL SPANGLER | G. C. |
| MICHAEL H. FITCH | D. G. C. |
| WILLIAM FULLERTON | G. G. |
| PORTER J. COSTON | G. C. G. |
| FRANCIS GALLUP | G. Prelate. |
| GEORGE C. ROBERTS | G. S. W. |
| CHARLES H. JACOBSON | G. J. W. |
| WILLIAM D. TODD | G. Treasurer. |
| ED. C. PARMELEE | G. Recorder. |
| ROGER W. WOODBURY | G. Standard Bearer. |
| ANDREW SAGENDORF | G. Sword Bearer. |
| CHRISTOPHER WILSON | G. Warden. |
| THOMAS LINTON | G. C. of G. |
| WEBSTER D. ANTHONY | P. G. C. |
| IRVING W. STANTON | P. G. C. |
| HARPER M. ORAHOOD | P. G. C. |

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1.—We find Sir Knights Todd, E. C., Frank Church, C. G., and Roberts, Generalissimo, are present and have votes as Grand Officers.

CENTRAL CITY, No. 2.—William Fullerton, E. C., present, and has a vote as Grand Officer. Richard Harvey, proxy for Benj. T. Wells, Generalissimo, and H. H. Stebbins, proxy for Foster Nichols, Capt. General, are present. The appointment of proxies above are made by the Eminent Commander, by authority of the Commandery given at a Conclave held August 17, 1882. This appointment, as we understand the law of representation, is irregular, and we report the facts for the action of the Grand Commandery.

PUEBLO No. 3.—Horace N. Banks, E. C.; Christopher Wilson, proxy for Generalissimo, W. W. Stralt, Captain General.

GEORGETOWN No. 4.—Ed. C. Parmelee, E. C., has a vote as Grand Officer. Ed. C. Parmelee, proxy for R. H. Pomeroy, Generalissimo; John F. Phillips, proxy for Warren M. Fletcher, Captain General.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS No. 5.—Lysander B. Wheat, E. C., proxy for Albert H. Brand, Generalissimo.

PIKE'S PEAK No. 6.—Frank W. Hale, E. C.; Ansel E. Mook, Captain General.

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We also have presented to us appointment made by H. N. Banks, E. C., Pueblo Commandery No. 3, of Sir Knight Charles Wilson as proxy for G. M. Chilcott, Generalissimo. Also appointment made by L. B. Wheat, E. C., Mount Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, of Sir Knight Porter J. Coston as proxy for J. G. Kelly, Captain General.

These we report for the action of the Grand Commandery with same suggestions as regards Central City Commandery No. 2.

H. M. ORAHOOD,
M. H. FITCH,
L. B. WHEAT,
Committee on Credentials.

REPRESENTATIVE OF GRAND MASTER.

It being officially announced that Sir Silas E. Sheldon, representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was in the city, and desirous of visiting the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander appointed Sirs Irving W. Stanton, Webster D. Anthony and Roger W. Woodbury to wait upon him and escort him to the Asylum.

In due time the Committee returned, and Sir Silas E. Sheldon was introduced, received with the honor due his station, and welcomed to the Grand Commandery by the Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Sheldon responded to the welcome in appropriate terms.

USE OF ASYLUM.

A communication from Colorado Commandery No. 1, tendering the use of their Asylum, was read and ordered placed on file.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following Committees:

ON FINANCE,

SIR A. SAGENDORF.
SIR C. H. JACOBSON.
SIR WM. FULLERTON.

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

SIR I. W. STANTON.
SIR H. M. ORAHOOD.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ON PETITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

SIR R. W. WOODBURY.

SIR P. J. COSTON.

SIR F. W. HALE.

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

SIR ED. C. PARMELEE.

SIR W. D. TODD.

SIR R. HARVEY.

ADDRESS.

The Grand Commander delivered the following address:

Sir Knights and Members of the Grand Commandery of Colorado :

It is with great pleasure I greet you and welcome you to this the 7th annual conclave of our Grand Commandery, more especially that our ranks are unbroken, and so far as I know, all our members have enjoyed health and prosperity since last we met.

We are gathered together to consider and act for the good of the order, and I trust your deliberations may prove fruitful in wise actions for our future welfare.

Our Commanderies have, I believe, each and all of them, had a successful year, and grown in members, character and usefulness.

As Knights Templar we should always remember our character as Christian warriors, and while we may not carry out all of the beautiful precepts of our order we should strive to do so.

DISPENSATIONS.

On December 10th, 1881, I granted a dispensation to Sir Knight George H. Barrett to install the officers elect of Georgetown Commandery No. 4; there being no past Commander in that jurisdiction to act in that behalf, and on December 12th, he duly installed Sir Knight Ed. C. Parmelee as Eminent Commander, as appears by his report of his doings, accompanying my address.

On December 10th, 1881, in response to a petition in due form from Sir Knight Jas. P. Maxwell and other fraters, I granted a dispensation to form a Commandery to be stationed at Boulder and to be known as Mt. Sinai Commandery U. D. with Sir Knights Jas. P. Maxwell as E. C., Ivers Phillips as Generalissimo, and George M. Neilkirk as C. G. The Commandery was duly formed, provided itself with necessary paraphernalia, uniformed its members, and started under most favorable auspices.

Accompanied by a large delegation of Colorado Commandery No. 1, I visited Boulder on the occasion of work on the order of the Temple and I was gratified with the general appearance of prosperity of the New Commandery, and I cannot permit to pass this opportunity of calling your attention to the fraternal and hospitable manner with which we were received and entertained, evidencing that our fraters of Boulder are worthy of the proud title of Sir Knights.

On June 12, 1882, I granted a dispensation permitting Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6 to act on the petition of Companion Oscar Hafner for the orders, without laying over the required time. The reasons urged by E. C. Hale, being as I considered, good and sufficient.

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On September 24, 1881, I received a verbal request for Mt. of the Holy Cross Commandery, at Leadville, to appear in public parade upon commemoration service on the life and death of Sir Knight J. A. Garfield, which I refused, as it was a mere public parade.

On June 16, 1882, I granted a dispensation to Colorado Commandery No. 1, to appear in public for the purpose of attending Divine Service at the Episcopal Cathedral, on Ascension Day, June 18th.

DECISIONS.

On February 20, 1882, I received a communication from Sir Knight L. B. Wheat, E. C. of Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, stationed at Leadville, asking authority to confer the order of the Temple on O. H. Harker, a Knight of the Red Cross, who had received that order in Central City Commandery No. 2 in 1867. I advised Sir Knight Wheat, that before he could proceed at all with the application of Knight of the R. C. Harker, for the order of the Temple, Central City Commandery must give its unanimous consent for Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery to act; but as so long a time had elapsed since the order of the Red Cross had been conferred, I thought the ballot should again be spread before conferring the order of the Temple.

I received a communication from the E. C. of Pike's Peak Commandery, relative to the duties of the Recorder. The facts were, the Recorder had been in the habit of accepting checks as money, and when a candidate was rejected, returning him his check. I replied that the Recorder should only receive money or its equivalent, and at once deposit it with the Treasurer, and no money should be withdrawn from the Treasurer's hands, except by order of the Commandery or E. C. when properly authorized.

I received a communication from E. C. Sir Knight Todd of Colorado Commandery No. 1, asking me to secure the opinion or decision of the Grand Master of Knights Templar on a question of Templar law, which he deemed of sufficient importance to require such an opinion. As I concurred with Sir Knight Todd in the importance of the matter, I referred his communication to me, to Grand Master Dean, and subsequently received his reply, which is herewith submitted for your information and guidance.

APPOINTMENTS.

On August 8, 1882, I received a communication from R. E. H. H. Munson, Grand Commander of North Carolina, who being desirous of cultivating the spirit of fraternal feeling between Grand Commanderies, requested me to name a Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina near this Grand Commandery, and in accordance therewith, I suggested the name of Sir Knight P. E. C. Roger W. Woodbury as such Representative.

And in return, I invited Grand Commander Munson to name some Sir Knight to represent this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, and he suggested the name of Sir Knight W. R. Ccx, of Raleigh Commandery, both of which appointments were accordingly made.

On August 11, 1882, I appointed R. Lincoln Sage, of Rochester, N. Y., as Representative of this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of New York, and for these appointments I ask your satisfaction and approval.

In accordance with my verbal request to Deputy Grand Commander M. H. Fitch, he constituted Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6 and installed its officers, on October 15th last, and whose report is herewith submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

I submit herewith General order No. 4 of the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, regarding the death of our lamented frater Sir Knight Garfield, late President of the United States, which order I caused to be duly promulgated throughout this jurisdiction.

I also submit General order No. 5, regarding the Code of statutes and Digest, for your information and consideration.

I also submit a communication from Sir Knight E. T. Carson, Secretary of the Garfield National Monument Association, asking co-operation in the matter.

I received an invitation from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, inviting the Commanderies of this jurisdiction to participate with them in the Bi-Centennial Anniversary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to take place October 13th next, which I submit for your information and consideration.

I submit herewith a communication from the Triennial Committee of the Grand Commandery of California to be held at San Francisco in August 1883.

This Grand Conclave is most important for the good of the fraternity, and I trust this Grand Commandery, and the Sir Knights of Colorado, will be properly represented.

That our Sir Knights may do themselves, and this Grand Commandery credit at that gathering of our fraters from all parts of the country, I would recommend that our subordinate Commanderies shall see to it that proper interest is taken in the drill.

I would further recommend you to appoint a proper committee to make necessary arrangements for transportation, etc., for the accommodation of the Sir Knights of Colorado.

On December 12, 1881, by invitation of Colorado Commandery No. 1, I installed the officers of said Commandery with due knightly ceremony, and feel that the occasion was fraught with good to the Order.

In addition to frequent visits to Colorado Commandery No. 1, and that to Boulder before referred to, I visited semi-officially, Pike's Peak Commandery, and was most cordially received, and found the Commandery in a most healthy and prosperous condition. In fact both of our young Commanderies are in a fair way to outstrip our older Commanderies, both in the character of their work and general efficiency.

MISCELLANEOUS.

As shown by your printed record, this Grand Commandery adjourned from September 23 to September 26, 1881, for the purpose of attending Divine worship, commemorating the life and death of Sir Knight J. A. Garfield, and upon September 26, an adjourned conclave was duly held, and this Grand body attended divine worship at the Episcopal Cathedral in Denver, and listened to an instructive sermon from our frater Sir Knight Spalding, which was largely attended by this Grand body and other Sir Knights of the city.

I desire calling your attention to fixing the uniform of Knights Templar of this jurisdiction. I should hope that this matter might receive the attention and action of the Grand Encampment, so that the uniform of a K. T. should be fixed and definite, as that of an army officer, who, whenever he may purchase his uniform, it is always the same, while each manufacturer of Templar uniforms makes some little difference.

This Grand Commandery can fix the uniform of a Knight Templar in this jurisdiction, and require Sir Knights in the future to comply with it; this not to affect the uniforms now owned, but to those hereafter purchased, so that in time our Knights will be uniform; that is, be clothed and equipped alike.

On May 17, I received a Communication from Sir Knight P. G. C. Anthony, suggesting the propriety of calling together all the Commanderies in this jurisdiction, to act as escort to this Grand body at this session.

After consulting with many of the Sir Knights in different parts of the State it was thought advisable not to call them together at this time, for the reason that

many are desirous of attending the meeting of the Grand Encampment at San Francisco in August next and don't want to incur any unnecessary expense until that time. However, I consider the suggestion a good one and trust it may be carried out at some future time, as a more general intercourse of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction cannot fail to exert a more fraternal feeling, and consequently result in good to the order.

Sir Knights, in returning to you the authority you so generously bestowed upon me a year ago, permit me to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred.

I fully appreciate the responsibility of the position, and while I may not have been able to give to it the attention it required, I trust that my efforts may have been fraught with some good to our noble order, and that I have not in any instance betrayed the important trust confided to me. Courteously,

M. SPANGLER,
Grand Commander.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Sir R. W. Woodbury the address was referred to a special committee.

Sirs R. W. Woodbury, L. B. Wheat and Wm. Fullerton were appointed said committee.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented the following reports, which were referred to the Finance Committee :

Wm. D. Todd, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Colorado :

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| Sept. 12, 1881, To balance | \$820 61 | By warrant 24 | \$10 00 |
| " | 10 00 | " 25 | 50 00 |
| " Boulder | 90 00 | " 26 | 50 00 |
| Sept. 20, 1881, " Gr. Recorder . | 504 43 | " 27 | 22 50 |
| | | " 28 | 98 75 |
| | | | <u>\$281 25</u> |
| | | Sept. 22, 1882, To balance | 1,198 79 |
| | <u>\$1,425 04</u> | | <u>\$1,425 04</u> |
| Sept. 22, 1882, To balance . . . | \$1,198 79 | For which find certified check, together with vouchers for disbursements. | |

Courteously submitted,

WM. D. TODD,
Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado :

September 25, 1881, a charter was issued to Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6 stationed at Colorado Springs.

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| I have received | |
| For Charter | \$10 00 |
| For Dispensation | 90 00 |
| For Proceedings sold | 25 |
| For Dues | 485 00 |
| Total | <u>\$585 25</u> |

I have paid Grand Treasurer, \$585.25.

Of the fifty-dollar appropriation for incidental expenses of the Grand Recorder's office, I have expended \$30.82; the balance, \$19.18, I have returned to the Grand Treasurer.

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| I have drawn warrants on Grand Treasurer ; | |
| On account Salaries | \$60 00 |
| " Contingent expenses | 50 00 |
| " Printing | 121 25 |
| Total | <u>\$231 25</u> |

All the chartered Commanderies have made returns and paid dues. These returns show ;

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| Created | 70 |
| Admitted | 20 |
| Reinstated | 2 |
| Died | 2 |
| Dimitted | 4 |
| Suspended | 3 |
| And a membership of | 270 |

Mt. Sinai Commandery U. D., stationed at Boulder, has made returns, showing 25 constituted, 23 created, and 1 admitted, and has paid dues.

Courteously submitted,
E. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Recorder.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5.

General Order No. 5, issued by Sir Benjamin Dean, Grand Master, April 25, 1882, was read by the Grand Recorder, and ordered placed on file.

REPORT ON GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

The following was read and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery:

The Committee on Grand Commander's address beg leave to report:

That that part relating to dispensations for new Commanderies be referred to the Committee on Returns and Work.

Those parts relating to decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Those parts relating to dispensations other than for new Commanderies be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the R. E. Grand Commander's appointment of Grand Representatives for North Carolina and New York be approved.

That General Order No. 4 of the M. E. Grand Master be printed in our Proceedings.

That the invitation from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania to participate in the Bi-centennial Anniversary of the state of Pennsylvania be courteously acknowledged, and our congratulations and good wishes be returned by Sir Kt. Grand Recorder.

That the Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General be appointed a Committee to make necessary arrangements for transportation to the next Triennial, and make such other arrangements as may be necessary.

That that part relating to the Garfield monument be referred to a special committee of three, to report upon the status of the Association, for the information of Templars in this jurisdiction.

That his recommendation on uniform be referred to a special committee of three.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY.

WM. FULLERTON,

L. B. WHEAT.

General Order No. 4.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

of the

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

Boston, September 20, A. D. 1881, A. O. 763. }

To all Knights Templar within the United States of America:

JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States, is dead. Struck by the assassin's hand, on the second day of July last, he languished until September 19th inst., when death relieved him from his sufferings. Architect of his own fortunes, he was elevated to the chief place in the Republic by the suffrages of his fellow citizens. It was, at the same time, the public approval and the reward of a life of labor in the public service.

He served his country well, and the whole country laments his death. Never, in the history of the world, had any man before so widespread and sincere sympathy. He well deserved it. He was a Knight Templar. He knocked at the door of Freemasonry, and found it good. He followed the light, and was admitted to the chivalric Order of the Temple. It is fit that his fifty thousand fellow Sir Knights in the United States should give expression to their own bereavement, of their sympathy with their Brother's family, of their detestation of the un-American crime which took him off, and of the Nation's loss.

It is therefore ordered, That this Order be read in every Grand Commandery within the United States, at the next Conclave after the reception thereof, and also in every subordinate Commandery holding immediately under the Grand Encampment of the United States, and that the Asylum banners and swords of each said Grand and subordinate Commandery be draped in mourning for the period of forty days thereafter.

It is also ordered, That the several Grand Commanders issue a like order to each of the several subordinate Commanderies holding under the Grand Commandery over which he presides, that every organized body of Knights Templar within our jurisdiction, and every individual Knight Templar, may join in this common sorrow.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

BENJAMIN DEAN, [SEAL.]

Grand Master.

Attest, T. S. PARVIN,

Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, September 22, 1882.

The Grand Commandery was called to order by Grand Commander Spangler, at 2 o'clock P. M.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

The following was read and adopted :

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they examined Grand Treasurer's and Grand Recorder's reports, and find them correct.

Your Committee would further recommend that the sum of \$50 be placed to the credit of Grand Recorder, to be used by him as a contingent fund.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SAGENDORF,
CHAS. H. JACOBSON,
WM. FULLERTON.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander announced the following special committees :

ON GARFIELD MONUMENT.

SIR I. W. STANTON.
SIR W. FULLERTON.
SIR F. W. HALE.

ON UNIFORM.

SIR R. W. WOODBURY.
SIR A. E. MOOK.
SIR G. C. ROBERTS.

ELECTION.

Sirs Chas. H. Jacobson and Richard Harvey were appointed to collect and assort the votes.

The balloting resulted in the election of

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| SIR MICHAEL H. FITZ, Pueblo | G. Commander. |
| " WILLIAM FULLERTON, Black Hawk | D. G. Commander. |
| " ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver | G. Generalissimo. |
| " PORTER J. COSTON, Buena Vista | G. Capt. General. |
| " FRANCIS GALLUP, Denver | G. Prelate. |
| " GEO. C. ROBERTS, Denver | G. S. Warden. |
| " CHAS. H. JACOBSON, Georgetown | G. J. Warden. |
| " WM. D. TODD, Denver | G. Treasurer. |
| " ED. C. PARMELEE, Georgetown | G. Recorder. |

REPORT ON RETURNS—CHARTER GRANTED.

The following was read and adopted and a charter ordered issued as therein recommended :

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

Your Committee on Returns and Work respectfully report that they have examined the returns of Colorado Commandery No. 1; Central City Commandery No. 2; Pueblo Commandery No. 3; Georgetown Commandery No. 4; Mount Holy Cross Commandery No. 5, and Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, and find the same correct.

We have examined the returns and records of Mt. Sinal Commandery, U. D., the proposed By-Laws, and petition for charter. We find the same in proper form, and recommend that a Charter be issued to the Sir Knights named in the petition, said Commandery to be known as Mount Sinal Commandery No. 7, at Boulder, Boulder County, Colorado, with Sir Knight James P. Maxwell, E. C.; Sir Knight Ivers Phillips, Generalissimo, and Sir Knight George M. Nelkirk, Captain General.

I. W. STANTON,
W. D. ANTHONY,
H. M. ORAHOOD.

Committee on Returns and Work.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir H. M. Orahood presented the report on correspondence which was ordered published with the proceedings.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read :

SIR ANDREW SAGENDORF, Colorado Springs G. Standard Bearer.
SIR LYANDER B. WHEAT, Leadville G. Sword Bearer.
SIR HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo G. Warder.
SIR THOMAS LINTON, Denver G. Capt. of the Guard.

INSTALLATION.

Sir Michael Spangler, Grand Commander, installed Sir Michael H. Fitch, Grand Commander elect, who installed the other elected and appointed officers.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The following was read and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of Colorado:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the M. E. Grand Commander's address relating to Dispensations other than for new Commanderies, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend the same be approved by the Grand Commandery.

Your Committee would further report that that portion of the Grand Commander's address relating to decisions be, and the same are hereby approved.

Courteously submitted,

I. W. STANTON, } Committee.
W. D. ANTHONY, }

UNIFORM.

The following was read and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery:

The special Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Commander's address relating to uniforms of Sir Knights, beg leave to report that by Chapter 44 of the Code of Statutes, the Grand Commandery is prohibited from making any change in the uniform as adopted by the General Grand Encampment in 1862.

Your Committee are of opinion that the purchase of "uniform" uniforms can best be regulated by the Subordinate Commanderies taking the matter under their own immediate control, and making contracts with a particular manufacturer for supplying their wants. And Subordinate Commanderies are hereby instructed to see that uniforms hereafter obtained by or for their members be made in every respect according to the statutes of the Grand Encampment.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY,
GEO. C. ROBERTS,
A. E. MOOK.

JEWELS AND BANNER.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of \$250.00 be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purchase of suitable jewels of office for the several offices of this Grand Commandery; also that the further sum of \$150.00 be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purchase of a banner suitable for the use of this Grand Commandery. Said money, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, to be expended under the order, and supervision of the Grand Commander who is hereby constituted a special committee for this purpose, and he is hereby requested and directed to procure said jewels and banner on or before January 31, 1883, and that the Grand Recorder, upon the order of the Grand Commander, draw his order upon the Grand Treasurer in payment therefor.

W. D. ANTHONY.

SALARIES.

The following, offered by Sir H. M. Orahood, was adopted:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Grand Recorder for \$50.00, and in favor of the Grand Captain of the Guard for \$10.00 for services.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The following Committees were appointed:

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

SIR I. W. STANTON, Pueblo.
SIR W. D. ANTHONY, Denver.
SIR R. W. WOODBURY, Denver.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver.
SIR H. N. BANKS, South Pueblo.
SIR GRAND RECORDER.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATUTES.

Sir F. W. Hale offered the following.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Commander in person, or through the Dep. G. C., G. Gen., or G. C. G. as his deputy, to officially visit each Subordinate Commandery once during his term of office.

and moved its adoption.

Motion lost.

THANKS.

The following was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be hereby tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1 for the use of their Asylum for this Annual Conclave.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes were then read and approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Colorado was closed in solemn and Knightly form, to meet in Denver on Friday after the third Tuesday (21st) of September, A. D. 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M.

MICHAEL HENDRICK FITCH,

Grand Commander.

Attest—



Grand Recorder.



Appendix.

Report on Correspondence.

List of Membership.

Statistical Tables.

Statutes.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following named jurisdictions :

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| Alabama | 22d | Annual Conclave | May 17, 1882. |
| Arkansas | 10th | Annual Conclave | November 24, 1881. |
| California | 24th | Annual Conclave | April 13, 1882. |
| Canada | 6th | Annual Assembly | July 12, 1881. |
| Connecticut | 55th | Annual Conclave | March 21, 1882. |
| Georgia | 20th | Annual Conclave | May 18, 1881. |
| Illinois | 25th | Annual Conclave | October 25, 1881. |
| Indiana | 28th | Annual Conclave | April 26, 1882. |
| Iowa | 18th | Annual Conclave | October 25, 1881. |
| Kansas | 15th | Annual Conclave | May 10, 1881. |
| Kansas | 14th | Annual Conclave | May 9, 1882. |
| Kentucky | 36th | Annual Conclave | May 3, 1882. |
| Louisiana | 19th | Annual Conclave | February 17, 1882. |
| Maine | 50th | Annual Conclave | May 4, 1881. |
| Maryland | 12th | Annual Conclave | May 10, 1882. |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | 76th | Annual Conclave | October 28, 1881. |
| Michigan | 26th | Annual Conclave | May 9, 1882. |
| Minnesota | 16th | Annual Conclave | June 24, 1881. |
| Missouri | 21st | Annual Conclave | May 2, 1882. |
| Nebraska | 9th | Annual Conclave | April 26, 1881. |
| New Hampshire | 22d | Annual Conclave | September 27, 1881. |
| New Jersey | 23d | Annual Conclave | September 13, 1881. |
| Ohio | 39th | Annual Conclave | September 7, 1881. |
| Pennsylvania | 28th | Annual Conclave | May 31, 1881. |
| Tennessee | 20th | Annual Conclave | June 14, 1882. |
| Texas | 29th | Annual Conclave | April 19, 1882. |
| Vermont | 40th | Annual Conclave | June 13, 1882. |
| Virginia | 59th | Annual Conclave | October 18, 1881. |
| Wisconsin | 23d | Annual Conclave | September 6, 1881. |

Mississippi, New York, North Carolina and West Virginia have not been received.

ALABAMA.

Grand Commander Beasley presiding.

Six Commanderies represented; Colorado's Grand Representative Sir Knight Daniel Smith was present, and the following appears in the minutes:

GREETINGS FROM COLORADO.

By Em. Sir Knight Daniel Smith, its Representative, the fraternal greetings of the Grand Commandery of Colorado were extended to the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

Thanks.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight Sayre, Grand Recorder. He commences by proceeding at once to business without any introduction, and stops when he gets through. He makes a good report.

In reviewing Colorado, he dissents from our opinion about physical qualifications, as follows :

"We are sorry we cannot agree with Sir Knight Orahood ; but we stick with an unfaltering tenacity to the old landmarks. Brains are a good thing in their place ; in fact we do not see how a man can have too much of them, but without legs and arms, he would make but an indifferent soldier of the Cross. He could not wield his sword for any valuable purpose."

We know many Masons who would not stand the test physically that Sir Knight Sayre would require who wield their swords for a *valuable purpose*, and successfully "in the constant warfare with the lying vanities and deceits of this wicked world, in which it is necessary for us always to be engaged."

He then says in the same connection :

And yet the distinguished Sir Knight is a stickler, we believe, for a belief in the doctrine of the Trinity. A doctrine that we undertake to say, not one man in a thousand can comprehend, if it is capable of being comprehended at all.

We fail to see how this bears on the question ; we will speak of the Trinity elsewhere.

Daniel Smith, Grand Commander.

Daniel Sayre, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Commander Johnson presiding. Three of the four subordinate Commanderies fully represented.

The Grand Commander in his address reports the Order throughout this Grand Jurisdiction in a prospering condition.

He discusses the Grand Representative system and approves it.

No new Commanderies.

No appeals on grievances.

Financial condition good.

Sir Andrew J. Thompson was elected Grand Commander, and Sir James A. Henry was re-elected Grand Recorder.

No Report on Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA.

Sir Knight Hedges, Grand Commander, presiding.
Fifteen Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander in his address, says:

The Order in this jurisdiction has made rapid progress during the year past. I think I can safely say that at no time in the history of our Order in this State has the outlook been more encouraging, the Templar sky more propitious, and the evidences of a good, steady growth, more satisfactory than at the present time. Two new Commanderies have been organized.

Nothing has come to my knowledge to indicate that the peace and harmony of the Order has in any way been disturbed.

He enters a strong protest against the use of profane language by Knights Templar, which we fully endorse.

The death of the President is commented on very appropriately.

Of the approaching Triennial, he says:

The Triennial Committee, appointed at the last Annual Conclave to act in conjunction with the Grand Officers, have held frequent meetings. The report of its proceedings, with the results of its action, will be presented to the Grand Commandery by the Secretary, R. E. Sir HIRAM THROOP GRAVES. I would recommend that the committee be continued, to act in concert with the Grand Officers elected at this session. The coming year will be one of vast importance to Templar Masonry in California, and fraught with momentous issues. A greater part of the preparation for the approaching Triennial will have to be consummated during the ensuing year. Preparations for the reception and entertainment of the visiting Sir Knights must be made commensurate with the dignity and importance of the occasion. The honor and reputation of our Order in California, the good name and fair fame of this Golden City of the West, is at stake. No efforts, therefore, should be spared to insure a grand success in every particular. The pledges made to our fraters in Chicago must be fully and amply redeemed, and every promise fulfilled to the letter; so that, if possible, there be not a single instance of discomfort, or a solitary cause for complaint. It is perhaps not necessary, at this time, to enter into any details or suggest plans by which these results may be accomplished. They will all be fully matured and carried out by the various committees appointed for that purpose, and by the Grand Officers for the time being.

The Grand Recorder makes a very full report, showing a net increase in membership for the preceding year of 120.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows \$2,453.47 on hand.

The Report on Correspondence covers seventy closely printed pages; prepared by Sir Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Grand Recorder, as he says, "with the determination to be brief." He takes strong exceptions to Reports on Correspondence being printed as "appendix" and puts his, "the reading of which was dispensed with" in the proceedings.

The volume has a carefully prepared index.

Sir Charles F. Lott, was elected Grand Commander and Sir Knight Caswell was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA.

M. E. Sir Knight W. J. MacLeod Moore, Grand Cross of the Temple, Great Prior of the Dominion of Canada on the throne.

Provincial Priors, Great Officers, Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Eminent Preceptors, and Representatives of twenty-one Preceptories present.

The Great Prior in his address says : "Our connection with England, which it was hoped since the memorial sent to the Grand Conclave in 1873, would at least have been maintained in theory, at all events, appears to be well nigh at an end."

His remarks on Templary in the United States, are very temperate and show a fraternal feeling, sometimes ignored by Committees on Correspondence ; in this connection, he says :

"It has been asserted that I hold extreme views as to the doctrines of the Order. I may ask in what way? I merely endeavor to prove that the Templar Order we represent, from its inception, has been always Orthodox in Christianity ; and in showing how totally different the system of the United States is from ours, I must not be misunderstood as wishing to throw any obstacles in the way of our fraternizing. Such is not the case. At my suggestion to Great Priory—we can relegate the Holy Trinity test, with Foreign Jurisdictions. As Templary is not Religion, it really, as a matter of principle, does not interfere with our friendly intercourse."

Regarding names of Preceptories, he says they "should always be that of local or historical significance ; *never* the names of living men." This we most heartily approve.

Sir Knight Dartnell makes a very complete and able Report on Correspondence, of more than a hundred pages.

"The vigorous fiscal administration of Sir Knight Daniel Spry, our zealous Grand Chancellor, has placed the finances of Great Priory in so satisfactory a condition as to warrant the renewal of our pleasant relations with sister jurisdictions."

We are glad of it.

Regarding the Trinitarian test and its discussion and treatment by the Templar body in the United States, he says :

"The Trinitarian test. This, as will be seen by the extracts given, has been carefully considered and logically treated by our Fraters. From each and all who have formulated their opinions, nothing but words of Christian, kindly feeling have fallen. The sum of the the whole matter appears to be this : that although no one aspiring to become a Knight of the Order in the United States can, without the charge of hypocrisy, take upon himself the vows of Knighthood while denying the Divinity of Christ, he cannot be called upon to avow such belief in words, either spoken or written. With us the assent to this doctrine is a pre-requisite to admission to the Order. But, be it understood, that every Knight in good standing from other jurisdictions will receive a hearty welcome to our Preceptories without the requirement of this test."

This ought to be satisfactory to all parties.

CONNECTICUT.

A beautiful steel engraving of John W. Stedman, Past Grand Recorder, is given. Sir Knight Stedman was elected Grand Commander, but declined the honor with thanks, having decided to be relieved from all official Masonic duty for the coming year.

Grand Commander Welton makes a very full report of his official acts in his address. He visited seven of the ten subordinate Commanderies during the year.

The ceremonies at the unveiling of the Seymour Monument at Hartford Oct. 21, 1882, are fully reported. The addresses of ex-Gov. Hubbard, Hon. Colin M. Ingersoll and Sir Knight John G. Root, are glowing tributes to the memory of "one of the purest and best men that ever lived in the state."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a small balance on hand. A heavy assessment, compared with the annual dues, was collected during the year.

Sir Knight Stedman makes the report on correspondence. In opening he says :

"It is an old and established custom to accompany this summary with criticisms and commentaries, in which nearly every topic, appropriate and inappropriate to Templar Masonry, is brought under notice. It is a serious question whether this custom may not be running into abuses which can only end in discord, if not in the final destruction of the Templar organization as it now exists."

We think there is no danger. An interchange of thought and opinions on all topics pertaining to the Templar organization, may create discord for the time being, but can only end in harmonizing the discordant elements, if such there be.

In conclusion he tells us this report closes his labors in this department, for which we express our regret.

 GEORGIA.

Sir Knight Luckie, Grand Commander, makes a very full address, from which we learn that "peace and harmony prevail to an unwonted degree," and that the order is in a flourishing condition.

Sir A. Pratt Adams delivered an eloquent address, which we cannot give complete and cannot do it justice by quotation.

No report on correspondence, which fact the Grand

Commander, in referring to the proceedings of other Grand Commanderies, explains as follows :

"From them all comes a good report of the flourishing condition of the Order throughout the land. The most interesting feature about these Proceedings are the Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence. I regret exceedingly that this Commandery saw fit to abolish that Committee in this jurisdiction. From these reports I am satisfied that we can gain a closer insight as to what is going on in the Templar world than from any other source, besides receiving light and knowledge upon many subjects of which we are totally ignorant. I feel that we are in a measure isolated from our sister jurisdictions, and I believe that a revival of that Committee would draw us in closer relationship—place us upon a more equal footing, and bring us more prominently before the other Grand Commanderies. I therefore earnestly recommend that a Committee on Foreign Correspondence be appointed at this Conclave, and a sum of money, sufficient for compensation, be appropriated for that Committee's use.

The Committee on the address of the Grand Commander, reported :

"We also endorse the recommendation of the Right Eminent Grand Commander that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be revived, provided that the expense attending this service be lessened and kept within moderate bounds."

This was adopted. The Grand Commander afterwards appointed a Committee, so we presume he took it for granted "that the expense will be kept within moderate bounds." We look for a report with the next proceedings

ILLINOIS.

Sir Knight Smith, Grand Commander presiding, and the representatives of fifty Commanderies present.

Sir Knight McCurdy, of Michigan, was present, received with Knightly honors, and made a very graceful address. Sir Knight Parvin was also present.

The Grand Commander, in his address, reports his official doings very fully, showing the order in a flourishing condition, "with over two hundred members of the Grand Commandery, fifty Chartered Commanderies and a constituency of five thousand as true Knights as ever entered our Mystic Temple." And this we know to be true.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$4,286.97.

Sir Knight Gurney makes the report on correspondence, covering 109 closely printed pages. In transmitting it to the Grand Commandery he says the report was prepared after his return from the sunny South, whither he went for recreation and in pursuit of health, which he seems to have found, and he gives us an excellent report, opening as follows :

"We have taken more than ordinary pleasure in preparing this report, because on examination of the transactions of the various jurisdictions, and a more extended intercourse with Knights of our country, we see a higher appreciation of the objects of the fraternity, with a crystallizing determination to enforce its precepts and obligations.

We most heartily endorse the following paragraph given in reviewing Alabama:

"Sir Sayre thinks that 'swearing and drinking in public' are bad practices. Bad under any circumstances. We could never find an apology for drunkenness or profanity. If there be one bring it to the front. How it would astonish the mental vision of mankind to find a justification for offenses that drag men to ruin and death. We deny that there can be a drunken, profane *Mason*.

He notices the proceedings of our Grand Commandery for 1880.

An appropriate eulogy on President Garfield, somewhat out of the usual order, is given.

Sir Loyal L. Munn of Freeport, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Gil. W. Barnard was re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

John H. Hess, Grand Commander, and representatives from all the subordinate Commanderies, twenty-eight in number.

The Grand Commander's address is of local interest.

Sir Knight Martin H. Rice, Inspector General, makes an elaborate report, showing the order in a healthy condition.

The Grand Treasurer shows a balance of over two thousand dollars on hand.

Sir Knight Cruft makes the Report on Correspondence, covering 114 pages. It is very full and well written. Colorado received very kindly notice. His statistics, as heretofore, are complete and reliable.

"The aggregate number of Templars in the United States, at the close of 1881, is shown by the table to have been 54,081, against the report for 1880 of an aggregate (revised) of 52,356, which shows a net gain of 1,725 during the year 1881, against one of 2,458 during 1880, or a falling off, in increase, of 733, or nearly 33 per cent."

We publish his table of statistics for 1881.

Sir Knight Samuel B. Sweet, Grand Commander; Sir Knight John M. Cramwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

A steel engraving of Sir Knight J. S. Jenkins, Grand Commander, is given.

Thirty-six Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander in his address reports a good degree of health and returning prosperity to the order during the past year.

We will refer elsewhere to the action on Tactics and Drill.

The report on correspondence by the Grand Recorder, W. B. Langridge is very full, covering 130 pages closely printed.

In opening he says :

"In reviewing we have found nothing very new or striking. There is little of law to examine, as it is too closely "worked up" by the Grand Encampment, and the multitudinous "digests" and "decisions" appended to its code, to leave anything new to the fancy of Commanders or Templar lawyers. There have been few occurrences to note ; even the Triennial, with its various good and evil features, has hardly caused a ripple. That happy condition where no history has been made, has been that of the Order. Still, there has been no stagnation."

Sir Knight Edwin E. Ainsworth, of Des Moines, Grand Commander.

Sir Knight W. B. Langridge, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1881.

The Grand Commander in his address says :

"It is cause for grateful acknowledgment to the ruler of our destinies that peace, prosperity and unity have prevailed throughout our jurisdiction during the year."

The following resolutions adopted will tend to make the Commanders "brighten" up in the work.

Resolved, That at the next and all future Annual Conclaves of this Grand Commandery the evening session of the first day be set apart for the exemplification of rituals of the Order of Knighthood.

Resolved, That on the first day of each session, and prior to the evening session, the names of the Eminent Commanders of each subordinate Commandery present at such Annual Conclave be placed in a box. The Grand Recorder shall then draw three names, and the first Eminent Commander so drawn shall, as Eminent Commander, exemplify the rituals of the Order of the Red Cross ; the second name so drawn shall exemplify the rituals of the Order of the Temple, and the third name so drawn shall exemplify the rituals of the Order of the Knights of Malta.

Sir Knight Brown, Grand Recorder, makes the report on Correspondence. It is carefully prepared.

In reviewing Colorado 1880, he says :

"No report on Correspondence. We attribute this to *extreme* youth and resulting lack of funds to pay the expense of publishing such report. They have made a good start, and should do nothing to dwarf their growth by incurring over much expense, even for such a purpose."

Yes, we have not been burdened with any large amount of funds, but have managed to keep out of debt and now have some money on hand.

The Forms and Ceremonials adopted by the Grand Encampment are appended in full.

Sir Knight A. M. Callaham, Grand Commander.

Sir Knight John H. Brown, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1882.

A beautiful steel engraving of Sir Knight John H. Brown, Grand Recorder, adorns the first page, and a splendid steel engraving of our friend Sir Knight Thomas J. Anderson closes the volume.

All the Commanderies, seventeen in number, represented.

A Triennial Committee for 1883 was appointed.

Sir Knight Brown in his report on correspondence very kindly notices Colorado.

In conclusion he says that four questions command the attention of leading Templars at the present time, which we notice in closing our report. He counsels calm, dispassionate discussion of them: Malta Ritual, the Trinitarian question, Public displays and Tactics and Drill.

KENTUCKY.

Sir Knight Chas. H. Fisk welcomed the Grand Commandery on behalf of Covington Commandery No. 7, in a neat address.

Sir Knight T. S. Parvin, Recorder of the Grand Encampment U. S., was introduced and addressed the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander in his address makes a short but clear report of his official acts.

Sir Knight Young delivered an eloquent address.

P. G. C. Woodruff makes the report, his ninth, on Correspondence, covering more than a hundred pages. Colorado and our report for last year are noticed kindly, and *we*

personally taken to task for not examining the index. Well, we promise to be more attentive hereafter.

Sir Knight Thomas H. Sherley, Grand Commander.

Sir Knight L. D. Croninger, re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

The following occurred in acting on the report of the Committee on Credentials :

Sir Knight A. Hero, Jr., as one of the Committee on Credentials, presented a minority report so far as relates to the proxy of Sir Knight A. L. Abbott, as Em. Commander of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, to Sir Knight P. J. Churchill, on the following grounds :

1st. That Sir Knight Abbott is present at this Conclave o' this Grand Commandery, and the substitution of another to represent him, while present, is unwarranted by Templar law.

2d. That Sir Knight Abbott is a member of this Grand Commandery, as its Grand Prelate, and as such entitled to a vote ; and according to Templar law (Edict 64, 1874) a member cannot vote personally in one capacity and by proxy in another, which is a prohibition against a Sir Knight having two votes ; he cannot delegate to another the right to do that which is denied in himself.

The Grand Commander decided that the minority report of the committee was in accordance with Templar law.

Sir Knight P. G. C. J. P. Hornor objected to the minority report and ruling, and on his motion, duly seconded, the Grand Commandery, by vote decided against the Grand Commander's decision and the minority report, and the report of the majority recognizing the proxy of Sir Knight Abbott, was adopted. Sir Knight A. Hero, Jr., entered his protest against the action of this Grand Commandery on the reports in reference to proxies, and appealed to the Grand Master or the Grand Encampment for his or its decision as to the correct law in the premises, and for the reversal of the action which this Grand Commandery took thereon.

Sir Knight Hero in our opinion is right.

The Order seems to be in a prosperous condition.

Proceedings, usual routine.

No report on Correspondence.

Sir Knight Wm. H. Chaffe, Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Richard Lambert, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The Grand Commander's address is short and of local interest.

Sir Stephen Berry presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence. It is very full and carefully prepared.

In his statistics he puts Colorado down as having a low percentage of Masons according to her population. This is

true as shown by the returns but not true in fact. A large number of our Masons in all the bodies retain their membership in the East after coming West.

Sir Knight Edward P. Burnham, Grand Commander.
Sir Knight Ira Berry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Commander in his address says :

I am happy to state that the Order, with but few exceptions, is in a most prosperous condition.

The report on Correspondence is ably prepared by Past Grand Commander Adreon. It is very full, complete and interesting. Colorado is reviewed quite fully and we personally taken to task for a misprint in the reporter's name ; but he greets us "with heartiest good wishes," which we reciprocate and are willing to be forgiven.

Sir Knight Wm. A. Hanway, Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight Charles T. Sisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

A beautiful steel engraving of James A. Garfield forms the frontispiece.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY 17, 1881.

Proceedings, usual routine.

The work was exemplified and the Grand Lecturers made such corrections as they deemed essential. Such exemplification if continued will result in uniformity throughout the jurisdiction.

ANNUAL CONCLAVE, OCTOBER 28, 1881.

Under the head of Decisions the Grand Commmander says :

"I have been asked, verbally and by letter, many questions which it is not necessary to detail to you. I have said nothing which perhaps could be distorted into the dignity of a Decision, as I have only enunciated well-established principles and rules."

This is usually the case.

In closing he tells us what is a general epitome of the history of the Order :

"As I look back through the events of my year of service, I can see nothing particularly brilliant that has been achieved by me. Your affairs have moved on quietly ; your finances are in a sound, safe and healthy condition ; no exciting question has arisen, and a spirit of peace and harmony prevails."

No report on Correspondence.

MICHIGAN.

Sir Benjamin Dean, Grand Master, visited the Grand Commandery, and was warmly welcomed by Sir Knight McCurdy, in an appropriate address, to which the Grand Master responded. By invitation of the Grand Commander he installed the officers elect. Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was present, and made an address.

General Order No. 5, issued by Grand Master Dean, is published in full.

The report on correspondence is prepared by Sir Knight Innes, covering one hundred and eighty pages, and of course is very full and interesting. In fact, it must be read to be appreciated. We find ourselves at a loss in quoting from it. Our proceedings for 1881 are fully reviewed, and our Commandery and *we* personally are kindly noticed. He fully agrees with us as to physical qualifications.

Sir Knight Charles E. Grisson, Grand Commander ;
Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

This seems to have been a grand gala day in the history of the Grand Commandery :

"The accompanying ladies, some 200, were cared for by the residents. Hotel accommodations were not called into requisition. In the evening receptions were held at the residences of the various Sir Knights. The arrangements were admirable ; not the least thing occurred to mar the enjoyment of the day, and the 23d day of June, 1881, will long be remembered as an epoch in the history of Knights Templar of Minnesota."

The Grand Commander in his address says :

"We congratulate ourselves upon the prosperity of the Order within our own jurisdiction—that no strife, domestic or foreign, has vexed our country, but that peace, with the blessings attendant in her train, has ruled and guided our land, and prosperity smiled upon our own loved state."

Sir Knight Pierson makes the report on correspondence in his usual full and able style. The proceedings of our

Grand Commandery were not received, for some unexplained cause.

Sir Knight Robert S. McCormick, Grand Commander ;
Sir Knight A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Commander makes a very full address.

From the following report we infer peace and harmony prevail :

"Your Committee on Grievance beg leave to congratulate the Grand Commandery on the fact that no man within its jurisdiction has a grievance."

Sir Knight Silas E. Sheldon, representative of the M. E. Grand Master for tenth district, and Sir Knight John H. Brown Grand Recorder of Kansas, were present, and received with appropriate ceremonies.

Sir Knight Mayo, Grand Recorder, makes the report on correspondence. He tells us he has received the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions, all but one in the United States ; that he will make his report short to save expense of printing, and keep the money for a pilgrimage to the Pacific Slope in August next year. Yet it is a very interesting report. Like ourself, he appropriates the excellent table of statistics prepared by Sir Knight Cruft, of Indiana. Colorado is kindly noticed.

NEBRASKA.

A steel engraving of Grand Commander Marley forms the frontispiece.

Eight Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander gives a glowing account of the pilgrimage to Chicago. Reports the Order in good condition.

The Grand Commandery seems to have no committee on correspondence, and of course no report.

Sir Knight Ebruk Long, Grand Commander ; Sir Knight Wm. R. Bowen, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Commander Ruckley presiding.

Eight Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander in his address reports the Order in good condition throughout the jurisdiction.

Sir Knight Nathan P. Hunt, who was elected Grand Commander, presents an able report, his seventh, on correspondence, covering over a hundred pages.

Sir Knight George P. Cleavs was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

A beautiful steel engraving of Grand Commander Frazer forms the frontispiece.

Fourteen Commanderies represented.

Our Grand Representative, Sir Knight Frederick G. Wiese, P. G. C., was present.

Usual routine proceedings.

P. G. C. Edwards makes the report on correspondence, which is quite full.

Under the head of Canada he says :

"Sir Knight Moore says that 'Templary in the United States does not resemble that in the British Dominions in any particular, AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS THE SAME BODY.' Yet in the following paragraph he speaks of being gratified to receive and welcome American Knights Templar as visitors to their Preceptories. How can such things be? Upon what principle is the body repudiated and the members admitted?"

A very pertinent question.

OHIO.

Sir Knight W. P. Wiltsee welcomed the Grand Commandery in the name of Hauselman and Cincinnati Commanderies in a neat address, which was responded to by Grand Commander O'Neill.

In his address the Grand Commander says :

"It affords me pleasure to inform you that our Order throughout the state is in a prosperous condition. The accessions to our numbers during the past year have been much less, it is true, than under the unusual stimulus that operated during the last year preceding, but sufficient to indicate a natural and healthy growth."

Regarding decisions he says :

"Numerous questions of Templar law and policy have been submitted for my opinion ; most of which could have been settled with less labor by an examination of our statutes or the code than by a reference to your Grand Commander."

This is usually the case.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of the veteran Sir Knight Carsen, than whom there is no abler reporter. It covers one hundred and forty-one pages. Colorado is noticed for 1879 and 1880. In our limited space we are unable to give extracts from this report, except upon the Trinitarian question, which we do elsewhere.

Sir Knight Henry H. Tatem, Grand Commander; Sir Knight James Nesbit, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Steel engravings of Grand Commander Carroll and Grand Recorder Meyer embellish the volume. The latter is one of the best engravings we have ever seen.

An address of welcome was made by the Mayor of Scranton, a reply by the Grand Commander, "after which his Honor, the Mayor, retired." So we presume he was not a Knight Templar.

The Grand Commander makes a full report in his address, showing that "peace, harmony and prosperity have prevailed."

We approve of the following report :

"Your Committee appointed to consider the question submitted by Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, to the Grand Commandery, and set forth in their communication as follows:

'Has a member a right to disclose his ballot?'

respectfully report that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the question should be answered as follows:

"If the member referred to in the interrogatory or in the supposed case is one that has deposited a black ball, then he may, if he sees proper, disclose the fact; if, however, the member has deposited a white ball or favorable ballot, then he is not at liberty to disclose how he voted.

"The reasons actuating the Committee are these: In the first case, Templar law provides for a secret ballot. This provision is for the protection of the person depositing an unfavorable ballot, and it is a well settled principle that a man may waive any law that is simply for his benefit. In the second case, however, to answer the question in the affirmative would operate to nullify the law and expose the member depositing the black ball to all the unpleasant consequences of his act. If, for example, 14 members vote, 13 deposit white balls and one a black ball, each of the 13 by declaring how he voted would violate the secrecy of the ballot and expose the member who cast the unfavorable ballot.

"Your Committee, however, deprecate the idea of disclosing a ballot under any circumstances as any contrary to the spirit of Masonic law."

And the following:

"Your Committee believe the law to be that when an applicant for the Orders of Knighthood, who has been rejected, removes from the state in which he was then rejected, the jurisdiction over him ceases, and in applying for the Orders in the state in which he has acquired a new residence, he would be governed by the laws of the State, subject to the edicts of the Grand Encampment."

Sir Knight Samuel Harper makes a full and able report on correspondence. His views on the "Trinitarian question" were approved by the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Geo. W. Kendrick, Grand Commander ;
Sir Knight Chas. E. Meyer, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The volume opens with an excellent steel engraving of Sir Knight George S. Blackie, P. G. C., who died at Nashville, June 19, 1882.

The Conclave opened with religious services conducted by Rev. Sir H. H. Snead, Grand Prelate, after which Sir Knight George C. Connor, P. G. C., delivered an eloquent address. We should like very much to quote a part of it, but our limited space forbids.

Sir Knight Wilbur F. Foster pronounced a very appropriate eulogy at the Grand Conclave of sorrow, in memory of Sir Knight Blockie, deceased.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Howell, Grand Recorder. It is full and well written. Colorado is reported quite fully.

Sir Knight Wm. D. Robison, Grand Commander ; Sir Knight Morton B. Howell re-elected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS.

The Grand Commander makes a full report of his acts during the year. It is of local interest.

The Constitution of the Grand Encampment, the Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, are published as an appendix to the proceedings.

The Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Chaplin, delivered an eloquent address.

No report on correspondence.

Sir Knight John J. Good, Grand Commander ; Sir Knight R. Brewster re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

All the Grand Officers responded to the roll call.

The Grand Commander in his address reports fully his official acts. As to the condition of the order he tells us :
" In seasons of prosperity, peace and good will, there are

few things needing special mention ; and such is the condition of our noble Order throughout this great country." True.

A per capita tax of twenty-five cents was assessed against the several Commanderies for each Sir Knight borne upon the roll. We do not know why, as there seems to have been a balance in the treasury last year and also a balance remaining on hand this year.

The report on correspondence is by Sir Knight Frederick S. Fisher, Grand Prelate, covering over one hundred and fifty pages. It is very full indeed. Colorado is kindly and fully reported.

The Grand Commander and most of the other Grand Officers were re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

The Conclave was "held in camp, on the Temple Farm, near Yorktown." The Grand Commandery acted as escort to the Grand Lodge, F. A. F. and A. M. of Virginia, present to lay the corner stone of a monument to be erected at Yorktown.

The Grand Commander in his address tells us :

"As far as I am enabled to judge, everything indicates the prevalence of the utmost tranquillity and harmony within the limits of our jurisdiction."

No report on correspondence.

Sir Knight Peyton S. Coles, Grand Commander ; Wm. B. Isaacs re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

An excellent steel engraving of Sir Knight John W. Woodhull, P. G. C., is given.

The Grand Commander tells us :

"The year just closed has been one of great harmony in our ranks, and of material prosperity with all our constituent Commanderies."

The Sir Knights of Oshkosh entertained the Grand Commandery in Knightly style. In return, complimentary resolutions were passed. The report on correspondence is by Sir Knight Woodhull, P. G. C. In opening he expresses our views exactly in the following :

"The field before us is large and fruitful one. We fear, however, that in our hurried manner, we will be able only to traverse a small portion of this great domain, or to gather much of the delicious fruit therein abounding. Before us are the proceedings of all the Grand Commanderies, from the pages of which might be culled volumes of the best literature of this land or age; but neither time nor space will permit us to do more than place a few of these rich viands before our Sir Knights."

He makes a full and interesting report. He reviews our proceedings for 1880, but gives the date 1881. Evidently a mistake in date.

Sir Knight Charles G. Collins, Grand Commander;
Sir Knight John W. Woodhull, Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

In reviewing the proceedings of the past year we have noticed with pleasure the uniformly prosperous condition of the Order in every jurisdiction. A happy state, but it does not afford much material for the Templar historian.

There has been some discussion, all very temperate, of several questions, prominent among these are as follows:

THE TRINITARIAN QUESTION.

In most of the jurisdictions where the question has been discussed, it is directly or tacitly admitted that "The dogma of the Holy Trinity forms part of the American Templar's creed." Sir Knight Carson, of Ohio, leads the firm believers in the doctrine. He has collected the proofs from the oldest Monitors, diplomas, early Masonic songs, addresses and other writings. He arrives at the following summary:

"We summarize what we find absolutely expressed in the so-called Webb ceremonial, as follows:

"Belief in God, the Father, and in Jesus Christ, His Son, born of a virgin, crucified under Pontius Pilate, descended into the place of departed spirits, rose from the dead, and ascended up into heaven, where he now sits on the right hand of our Heavenly Father, a mediator and intercessor for all those who have faith in him," and belief in the Holy Ghost."

"We defy any one to successfully controvert the truthfulness of this summarization."

"Here we have the Apostles' Creed almost intact as it is in the service books of the church."

"And yet we find Templars who have the hardihood to say right in the face of all these historical and liturgical facts, 'That belief in the dogma of the Holy Trinity never formed any part of the American Templar system.'"

"We think we have proved the contrary, beyond the power of any casuistic twisting to undo."

Sir Knight Harper, of Pennsylvania, presents the case very strongly and very fairly, as follows:

"The resolution of the Great Priory of Canada, in 1878, requiring all visiting Sir Knights to make a profession of their belief in the Holy Trinity, and which was rescinded the following year, has given rise to considerable discussion in the United States. It raises a question of so much importance that, although we do not feel competent to elucidate it, we deem it our duty to place ourself on the record. Grand Master Hurlbut, Grand Commander Drummond, of Maine, and Past Grand Commanders Simons, of New York, and Craft, of Indiana, have entered the lists against the dogma as an article of the Templar creed, whilst Past Grand Commander Carson, of Ohio, with that great earnestness which is his most distinguishing characteristic, and with great ability, is in the van of the defenders of the faith. Our own personal conviction and what we believe to be the undivided opinion of Pennsylvania Templars have caused us to join the standard of the latter.

"In his report to the last Triennial Conclave, Grand Master Hurlbut said :

"The Grand Priory of Canada, following and adopting the requirements of the English Ritual, have closed the door of affiliation with the Knights Templar of the United States by making a confession of faith in the dogma of the Trinity a prerequisite for admission, not only to membership, but to the right of visitation. The English Order of Knighthood is strictly Trinitarian, while the order in this country is not. We have simply demanded a confession of faith in Christ as divinely ordained as the Saviour of the World, as the Son of God, and the authority of the Christian religion. Under this general statement of a common faith Trinitarians and Unitarians have taken our obligations, buckled on their armor, and marshalled themselves under the banner of the Cross.

"We cannot introduce into our Ritual and confession of faith any explicit statement of the doctrine of the Trinity without rending and scattering it into fragments, and while our Canadian and English Fraters hold to this rule we must forego the pleasure of affiliation with them. I indulge in no censure, no unkind criticism of their action. They are a sovereign and independent Body, with undoubted right to maintain a conscientious belief, and make it a test of fellowship, while it is our privilege and duty to maintain a more liberal construction and interpretation of Christian doctrines."

"We cannot except this as a correct statement of our confession of faith. It is not only belief in Christ, as stated by the Grand Master, that is required, but it is belief in the Christian religion itself, and, as a consequence, in all that that religion implies. Whatever is a fundamental doctrine of that religion, whether it be the Holy Trinity or divinity of Christ, is required of us.

"We regret to see the statement made by so eminent an authority as the Grand Master that the introduction of an explicit belief in the Trinity would rend and scatter the Order into fragments. The statement is only a rhetorical flourish, however. The number of anti-Trinitarians in the Order is but small. There is not one in Pennsylvania, as the Trinity clause has always been retained in the petition."

Sir Knight Fisher, of Vermont, in making the report on Correspondence for 1881 says :

"We believe and know that to-day the great majority of our Templars are Trinitarian, and would not allow the doctrine to be rejected, though perhaps the same majority—we say it as Trinitarians, confessors of the Creed—would wisely refuse to have this doctrine made a test, or rather to define and extend the present test."

This we think expresses the general feeling on the question. Although we may believe the doctrine, and that it "forms a part of the American Templar's Creed," yet "would wisely refuse to have this doctrine made a test."

The whole discussion has grown out of the action of Canada, and as shown in our review of Canada the test is not thus required of "American Templars," certainly then we need not require it otherwise than it is now understood among us.

UNIFORM.

This is one of the questions that has created an enormous amount of discussion and feeling. To our mind it is

of no great importance ; others think otherwise. Our own Commandery touches the matter very lightly at this Conclave by recommending each Commandery to purchase uniforms from some one manufacturer, so *we* may have as many kinds of uniforms as there are Commanderies. However, the differences are slight and all are supposed to conform to the requirements of the Grand Encampment.

The action of the Grand Commandery of Iowa on this question was peculiar as shown by the following from the published proceedings :

"Your Committee on Uniform beg leave to report :

"They have given this subject the careful attention its importance demands. The Committee is aware that in many parts of this Grand Jurisdiction, and with a large number of our Sir Knights, there is more or less dissatisfaction with certain parts of our uniform, which, to say the least, are as uncomfortable as clumsy, which is shared largely by the undersigned ; but, after examination of the records, and especially the constitution and statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, we find that no authority is possessed by this Grand Commandery to vary from the uniform prescribed by the edict of 1862, approved by the Grand Encampment, being the same as that now in general use throughout this jurisdiction."

After considerable discussion, the report was, on motion, adopted.

Past Grand Commander Parvin offered the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the R. E. Grand Commander be requested to issue his order enforcing a strict compliance, on the part of all the Knights of this jurisdiction, with the edict of the Grand Encampment of 1862, relative to the uniform of Knights Templar.

Which was, on motion of Past Grand Commander Winslow, laid upon the table.

TACTICS AND DRILL.

The following from the Report on Correspondence, Kansas, 1882, presents this question very fairly :

"Tactics and Drill are yet under discussion. This complex subject has enlisted the attention of several eminent Fraters, especially those of military proclivities, for the past ten or twelve years. In many locations drill and tactics seem to have absorbed everything else.

"But since the Order partakes somewhat of a military character, some one of the many systems of tactics and drill may properly enough be adopted, but whosoever is selected, it should be so used as to be kept subordinate to the fundamental principles of Templary, and therefore never allowed to displace or crowd out the rituals used as illustrations of the sublime lessons taught. Our Fraters should remember that the infidels now to be vanquished are not given to martial arms, but to misinterpretations, subtleties and paralogisms, and should be overcome, as were the Pharisees of old by Him who is Supreme Head of the Order, with weapons brought from the Asylum of Truth.

"Inasmuch as tactics and drill are a necessary part of the Templar system, they should not be dispensed with, neither should we go crazy on the subject, forgetting all else. Often have we visited Commanderies where the work was villainously rendered, but when the drill was reached all were as 'bright as a new dollar,' and made a fine display, whereupon all were delighted. Well, this is not to be wondered at when we remember that all, from the chief head to him who guards the outer avenue of our Asylum, take part in and become infatuated with Grand Triennial displays, and retire deeming them the great object of the Order.

"Tactics and drill as well as the ritual should be uniform within the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. If the former is to be carried to the extent that its friends seem disposed to push it. The present outlook for a uniform system of either is not auspicious. Every effort in that direction has been paralyzed by committees, or sat down on so solidly by the Grand Encampment that the friends of uniformity have come to believe it impossible to get such a measure through that Body while such a diversity of opinions exist."

It is certainly to be hoped the Grand Encampment will take some action on this question next year.

RITUAL.

Especially of the Order of Malta is another very unsettled matter, in much the same unsatisfactory condition as Tactics and Drill.

We make a quotation :

"The question presented is, shall the 'Malta Ritual,' now adopted in some jurisdictions, or shall any ritual of that Order, be adopted by the Grand Encampment? This subject has been before that Grand Body at two or three of its Triennial Conclaves, but thus far no definite action has been taken, and the question yet remains one of the items of 'Unfinished Business.'

"Present indications incline us to believe that it has had its last hearing in that Body, and, perhaps, it will be as well if it does not attract further notice, from the fact that the Asylums have now as much ritual as the average member can receive and 'inwardly digest.' Yet, we maintain now, as we did in a former report, that the ritual presented by the committee at Cleveland, Ohio, can be mastered as easily as that of the Order of the Temple, or any degree of Masonry.

"The question in fine is, have we not enough of rituals—should we not have more of the solids of our Order? Principals first—and if the Temple furnishes these in abundance, let all appendants find a lodgment elsewhere than in our Asylums."

There seems to be a tendency toward abolishing the "Appendant Orders," some not even excepting the Red Cross.

In nearly all the proceedings we have examined, we find the twenty-first Triennial discussed. In our report last year we said all we desire to say on this subject.

Nearly, or probably all of the Grand Commanderies which have met since the death of President Garfield have passed appropriate resolutions.

In closing our report we desire to thank all the correspondents for the uniformly kind notices of our jurisdiction and of ourself personally, all which we fully reciprocate.

Courteously submitted,
H. M. ORAHOOD,
For the Committee on Correspondence.

STATISTICS OF TEMPLARS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE YEAR 1881.
Compiled by Sir Knight Charles Craft, Chairman Committee on Correspondence, Indiana.

| GRAND JURISDICTION. | Date of Organization. | Date of Report last Received. | No. of Sub-ordinates. | Knights. | Amited. | Reinstated. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Died. | Total Mem. | Dues Received. |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| Alabama | December 1, 1860 | May 18, 1881 | 8 | 17 | 8 | 18 | 12 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 215 | \$ 881 00 |
| Arkansas | May 26, 1872 | February 4, 1881 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 151 | 151 00 |
| California | April 10, 1868 | April 15, 1881 | 17 | 77 | 31 | 45 | 21 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 1,064 | 1,471 00 |
| Colorado | March 14, 1876 | September 23, 1881 | 6 | 24 | 23 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 220 | 313 00 |
| Connecticut | September 13, 1877 | March 15, 1881 | 10 | 44 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 1,345 | 988 67 |
| Georgia | April 25, 1880 | May 18, 1881 | 8 | 34 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 960 | 750 00 |
| Illinois | October 27, 1867 | October 25, 1881 | 63 | 361 | 31 | 14 | 92 | 59 | 4 | 62 | 4,770 | 4,089 00 |
| Indiana | May 16, 1864 | April 26, 1881 | 27 | 196 | 34 | 13 | 86 | 41 | 8 | 26 | 1,978 | 3,354 50 |
| Iowa | June 6, 1864 | October 26, 1881 | 39 | 192 | 64 | 1 | 49 | 50 | 1 | 16 | 2,102 | 1,472 00 |
| Kansas | January 29, 1868 | May 10, 1881 | 16 | 129 | 24 | 2 | 26 | 54 | 1 | 4 | 697 | 812 00 |
| Kentucky | October 5, 1847 | May 4, 1881 | 28 | 169 | 48 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 19 | 19 | 1,361 | 1,250 00 |
| Louisiana | February 14, 1864 | February 18, 1881 | 4 | 23 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 362 | 256 80 |
| Maine | May 6, 1862 | May 4, 1881 | 13 | 101 | 10 | 2 | 85 | 18 | 1 | 20 | 1,683 | 380 80 |
| Maryland | January 22, 1871 | May 11, 1881 | 8 | 40 | 26 | 2 | 47 | 21 | 2 | 7 | 769 | 822 00 |
| Mass. and Rhode Island | May 6, 1866 | October 31, 1881 | 39 | 247 | 8 | 13 | 69 | 84 | 17 | 75 | 6,900 | 1,427 50 |
| Michigan | January 16, 1867 | May 10, 1881 | 32 | 228 | 23 | 13 | 108 | 120 | 2 | 26 | 2,583 | 2,311 25 |
| Minnesota | October 23, 1865 | June 24, 1881 | 13 | 123 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 46 | 3 | 9 | 909 | 712 50 |
| Mississippi | January 21, 1867 | April 23, 1881 | 13 | 16 | 72 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 1 | 12 | 416 | 508 00 |
| Missouri | May 22, 1867 | May 8, 1881 | 35 | 186 | 69 | 12 | 4 | 23 | 6 | 7 | 1,490 | 1,886 00 |
| Nebraska | December 22, 1871 | April 26, 1881 | 9 | 33 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 16 | 1 | 18 | 438 | 672 90 |
| New Hampshire | August 25, 1850 | September 27, 1881 | 9 | 33 | 5 | 3 | 37 | 44 | 10 | 12 | 1,078 | 614 50 |
| New Jersey | February 14, 1860 | September 19, 1881 | 14 | 30 | 6 | 3 | 37 | 44 | 10 | 12 | 1,078 | 669 00 |
| New York | June 18, 1814 | October 1881 | 54 | 307 | 36 | 42 | 114 | 262 | 2 | 106 | 6,596 | 4,086 00 |
| North Carolina | May 10, 1851 | May 11, 1881 | 9 | 3 | 67 | 22 | 98 | 79 | 2 | 43 | 8,664 | 2,392 00 |
| Ohio | October 23, 1848 | September 7, 1881 | 36 | 204 | 96 | 42 | 19 | 112 | 3 | 66 | 6,045 | 8,717 58 |
| Pennsylvania | April 14, 1869 | May 31, 1881 | 57 | 309 | 42 | 19 | 20 | 42 | 1 | 8 | 761 | 1,347 00 |
| Tennessee | October 12, 1869 | June 9, 1881 | 12 | 63 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 677 | 804 00 |
| Texas | January 12, 1866 | February 1881 | 15 | 60 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 1,345 | 412 00 |
| Vermont | June 17, 1824 | June 14, 1881 | 9 | 44 | 1 | 20 | 25 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 874 | 1,169 65 |
| Virginia | November 27, 1823 | October 18, 1881 | 15 | 43 | 11 | 14 | 25 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 286 | 429 00 |
| West Virginia | February 26, 1874 | May 12, 1881 | 7 | 96 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 1,265 | 1,182 50 |
| Wisconsin | October 30, 1869 | September 6, 1881 | 15 | 93 | 12 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 1,643 | 334 15 |
| Grand Encampment | June 23, 1816 | G. Rec. MS., Dec. 31, '81 | 24 | 126 | 14 | 8 | 51 | 24 | 1 | 650 | 54,081 | \$40,626 30 |
| Total | | | 647 | 3,662 | 765 | 296 | 1,193 | 1,096 | 49 | | | |

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1882.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1.—DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

DISPENSATION JANUARY 13, 1866—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 18, 1868, BY GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

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Sopris, Richard
skinner, Daniel T.
Spangler, Michael
Skiff, F. J. V.
Schrader, Fred C.
Shepperd, Sidney A.
Tritch, George
Thompson, George W.
Titcomb, John S.
Tuttle, Herman B.
Wilgus, Thomas B.
Winne, Peter
Wolf, Alfred
Winter, A. T.
Wilson, Andrew D.
Wilson, William J.
Wilson, Joseph C.
Willoughby, Edward A.
Woodbury, Roger W.
Wheeler, Byron A.
Watkins, Leonard A.
Wyman, George E.
Wright, George T.
Younker, Jason T.
Duggan, George.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.—CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

DISPENSATION NOVEMBER 8, 1866—CHARTERED OCTOBER 28, 1868, BY GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.

*[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]***OFFICERS.**

William Fullerton, E. C.
Benjamin T. Wells, G.
Foster C. Nichols, G.
David C. Collier, Pre.
Thomas H. Potter, S. W.
Edward F. Clinton, J. W.

John Best, Treas.
Samuel I. Lorah, Rec.
James Hutchinson, Std. B.
George W. Mabey, Swd. Br.
Caleb J. Martin, War.

MEMBERS.

Butler, Hugh
Harvey, Richard
Jones, Aaron M.
Lechner, George W.
Mosley, Richard W.
Newcomb, Henry E.

Orahood, Harper M.
Owen, Newton D.
Roberts, Daniel
Rust, William R.
Sayr, Hal.
Smith, J. Alden

Stebbins, Henry H.
Teller, Henry M.
Tallman, Jacob
VanDeren, Archibald J.
Watson, Joseph W.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3.—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

DISPENSATION AUGUST 17, 1874—CHARTERED DECEMBER 3, 1874, BY GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.

*[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]***OFFICERS.**

H. N. Banks, E. C.
G. M. Chilcott, G.
W. W. Strait, C. G.
D. F. Urmey, Pre.
G. H. Hard, S. W.
F. H. Shrock, J. W.

M. H. Fitch, Treas.
C. E. Newcomer, Rec.
H. M. Morse, Std. B.
J. G. Morton, Swd. B.
Chris. Wilson, War.
J. J. Pochon, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, Geo. S.
Bartels, J. L.
Clough, A.
Crary, B. F.
DeRemer, J. R.
Grant, A. A.
Goodnight, Chas.
Kane, W. B.

Kuler, H. B.
Klug, F. P.
Lytle, R. F.
Morgan, Geo. W.
McAnulty, R. E.
McMurtrie, J. A.
Nelson, Chas. F.
Orman, J. B.

Perkins, G. W.
Root, Frank
Smith, J. E.
Stanton, I. W.
Sargent, Ellis
Thomas, J. J.
Thatcher, H. C.

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4.—GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

DISPENSATION JANUARY 24, 1880—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 24, 1880.

*[Conclaves first Wednesday in each month.]***OFFICERS.**

Edward C. Parmelee, E. C.
Richard A. Pomeroy, G.
Warren M. Fletcher, C. G.
William E. Barton, Pre.
Thomas, Cornish, S. W.
Charles H. Jacobson, J. W.

William W. Ware, Treas.
Ernest LeNeve Foster, Rec.
John F. Phillips, Std. B.
George H. Barret, Swd. Br.
Charles H. Wade, War.
William H. Christie, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bates, Henry C.
Boyer, Henry
Cornish, Nicholas D.
Criley, William W.
Fish, Charles R.

Glaze, Dantel W.
Hambel, John R.
Johnson, Frederick S.
Love, Joseph A.
Lees, James

Morrison, Robert S.
Patterson, Melville C.
Pollard, Charles W.
Rigsby, David T.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY, No. 5.—LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

DISPENSATION MAY 1, 1880—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 24, 1880.

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

L. B. Wheat, E. C.
N. H. Branch, G.
Jay G. Kelly, C. G.
Theodore F. Van Wagenen, Pre.
Robt. L. DeLay, S. W.
J. P. DeMattos, J. W.

Peter A. Peterson, Treas.
Frank H. Officer, Rec.
Peter Becker, Std. B.
Sam'l McDowall, Swd. Br.
John McKenzie, War.
Wm. H. Bright, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Alfred, John
Burdick, W. N.
Burchnell, W. K.
Clark, Wm. M.
Caley, Franklin T.
Crode, W. Y.

Coston, Porter J.
Drake, George W.
Gruber, E. H.
Harker, O. H.
Howell, C. C.
Hyde, Willard S.

Mackay, Thos. J.
Playter, Joseph H.
Pena, Sotero
Rose, Francis
Warren, Henry L.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6.—COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

DISPENSATION APRIL 18, 1881—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 25, 1881.

[Conclaves last Monday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Frank W. Hale, E. C.
Matt France, G.
Anson E. Mook, C. G.
John Fottler, Pre.
Charles E. Edwards, S. W.
James P. Barnes, J. W.

L. C. Skinner, Treas.
Oren H. Peck, Rec.
John Wanless, Std. B.
James M. Ellison, Swd. Br.
J. A. Himebaugh, War.
A. L. Lawton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Alexander, Walter
Anderson, B. P.
Aux, George
Bletsos, A. J.
Bickford, A. L.
Barton, C. T.
Courter, John
Crawford, B. R.
Crowell, B. F.
Dillon, Chester H.
Dow, E. E.

Eaton, Edwin J.
Fowler, Harry R.
Ha'ner, Oscar
Howbert, Irving
Howarth, George L.
Humphrey, Joseph F.
LeBoutillier, Rev. G. T.
Lee, Charles A.
Low, Emery A.
Lytle, William H.
Martin, F. L.

Marston, James L.
Matthews, Albert
Merrill, W. H. D.
Ozman, M. A.
Pearcy, R. G.
Reynolds, J. E.
Sagendorf, A.
Smith, Walt. A.
Stout, B. F.
Summers, George.
Wilbur, Matthew C.

MT. SINAI COMMANDERY, U. D.—BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

Dispensation granted December 10, 1882, to

James P. Maxwell, E. C.
Ivers Phillips, G.
George M. Nelkirk, C. G.

and eight other Sir Knights.

Charter issued Sept. 22, 1882, as Mt. Sinai Commandery No. 7, F.

James P. Maxwell, E. C.
Ivers Phillips, G.
George M. Nelkirk, C. G.,

and—

Wilson, Thos. V.
Walker, Harlan P.
Henry, A. T.
Spencer, Chas. L.
Drumm, Henry
Wl der, Eugene
McClure, Geo. M.
Bemus, J. E.
Bradley, H. N.
Chambers, John S.

Wilmer, J. A.
Washburn, Hiram E.
Cheney, Lewis
Hutchinson, D. J.
Ellingham, J. J.
Dabney, C.
Stevens, James
Chase, Geo. F.
Smith, J. Alden
Eurgens, A.

Dodge, Horace O.
Streater, Frank M.
Davis, John
Hathaway, Mark
Safely, A. F.
Danford, Thomas
Phillippi, Fred
Gibbs, W. J.
Simpson, John H.

REINSTATED.

| | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Howell, William R. | 1 | May 2, 1882. |
| Maxwell, James P. | 1 | November 15, 1881. |

DIED.

| | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pugh, George A. | 2 | May 2, 1882. |
| Blunt, M. A. | 2 | |

DIMITTED.

| | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| France, Matt | 3 | |
| Johnson, Albert | 4 | January 4, 188a. |
| Fox, J. M. | 5 | February 15, 188a. |
| Foley, Timothy | 5 | May 3, 188a. |

SUSPENDED.

| | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Austin, S. D | 1 | December 6, 1881. |
| Sayre, Alfred | 1 | December 6, 1881. |
| Corning, George C. | 1 | April 4, 188a. |

SUMMARY.

| COMMANDERY. | Number. | Created. | Admitted. | Reinstated. | Died. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Members. |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Colorado | 1 | 17 | 10 | 2 | . | . | 3 | 107 |
| Central City | 2 | 4 | . | . | 1 | . | . | 28 |
| Pueblo | 3 | . | . | . | 1 | 1 | . | 35 |
| Georgetown | 4 | 3 | . | . | . | 1 | . | 26 |
| Mount of the Holy Cross | 5 | 5 | 1 | . | . | 2 | . | 29 |
| Pike's Peak | 6 | 18 | 8 | . | . | . | . | 45 |
| Mount Sinai | UD | 23 | 1 | . | . | . | . | 24 |
| Total | . | 70 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 294 |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| FROM | | TO |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wm. Fullerton, Black Hawk | Alabama | Daniel Smith, Mobile. |
| David J. Cook, Denver | Arkansas | Samuel L. Griffin, Little Rock. |
| Harper M. Orahood, Denver | California | Henry Sayre Orin, Los Angeles. |
| Michael Spangler, Denver | Connecticut | Joseph F. V�vorka, New London. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Georgia | John H. East, Savannah. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Illinois | Norman T. Cassette, Chicago. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Indiana | Sataduel T. Williams, Kendallville. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Iowa | John C. Schrader, Iowa City. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Kansas | Owen A. Bassett, Lawrence. |
| William N. Byers, Denver | Louisiana | Michael E. Girard, Opelousas. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Maine | George M. Howe, Portland. |
| Oliver A. Whittemore, Denver | Maryland | Christian B. Kienbacker, Baltimore. |
| | Massachusetts and Rhode Island | David F. Parker, Worcester, Mass. |
| | Michigan | Frederick Speed, Corkum. |
| David C. Collier, Central | Mississippi | Hugh McCurdy, Corkum. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | Missouri | William P. Mullen, St. Louis. |
| Eli M. Ashley, Denver | Nebraska | Daniel H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth. |
| Robert K. Pierson, Denver | New Hampshire | Joseph W. Hildreth, Concord. |
| Peter Winne, Denver | New Jersey | Frederick G. Wins, Burlington. |
| William N. Byers, Denver | New York | W. R. Coe, Rochester. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | North Carolina | William M. Inou, Cleveland. |
| William D. Todd, Denver | Ohio | James D. Richardson, Murfreesboro. |
| Harper M. Orahood, Denver | Pennsylvania | Thedore M. Chapman, Middlebury. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | Tennessee | Charles F. Scott, Parkersburg. |
| Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown | Vermont | |
| John R. Hamel, Georgetown | West Virginia | |
| Michael H. Fitch, Pueblo | Wisconsin | |

GRAND OFFICERS
Elected since the Organization of the Grand Commandery, March 14, 1876.

| DATE. | GRAND COMMANDER. | DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER. | GRAND GENERALissimo. | GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL | GRAND PRELATE. | GRAND TREASURER. | GRAND RECORDER. |
|-------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1876 | Henry M. Teller. | Webster D. Anthony | Irving W. Stanton. | James M. Strickler. | *P. Voorheis Finch. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1877 | Webster D. Anthony | Irving W. Stanton. | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1878 | Irving W. Stanton. | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1879 | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1880 | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | William Fullerton. | Thomas J. Mackay. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1881 | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | William Fullerton. | Porter J. Coston. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1882 | Michael H. Fitch. | William Fullerton. | Roger W. Woodbury | Porter J. Coston. | Francis Gallup. | William D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |

*Dmitted.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

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| Alabama | Daniel Sayre | Montgomery. |
| Arkansas | James A. Henry | Little Rock. |
| California | Thomas H. Caswell | San Francisco. |
| Canada | Daniel Spry | Barrie, Ont. |
| Colorado | Ed. C. Parmelee | Georgetown. |
| Connecticut | Jos. K. Wheeler | Hartford. |
| Georgia | S. P. Hamilton | Savannah. |
| Illinois | Gil. W. Barnard | Chicago. |
| Indiana | John M. Bramwell | Indianapolis. |
| Iowa | William B. Langridge | Muscatine. |
| Kansas | John H. Brown | Wyandotte. |
| Kentucky | L. D. Croninger | Covington. |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans. |
| Maine | Ira Berry | Portland. |
| Maryland | Charles T. Sisco | Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | A. F. Chapman | Boston. |
| Michigan | William P. Innes | Grand Rapids. |
| Minnesota | A. T. C. Pierson | St. Paul. |
| Mississippi | J. L. Power | Jackson. |
| Missouri | William H. Mayo | St. Louis. |
| Nebraska | Wm. R. Bowen | Omaha. |
| New Hampshire | George P. Cleaves | Concord. |
| New Jersey | Chas. Buchtel | Trenton. |
| New York | Robert Macoy | New York. |
| North Carolina | James C. Munds | Wilmington. |
| Ohio | James Nesbit | Troy. |
| Pennsylvania | Charles E. Meyer | Philadelphia. |
| Tennessee | Morton B. Howell | Nashville. |
| Texas | Robert Brewster | Houston. |
| Vermont | Elihu B. Taft | Burlington. |
| Virginia | William B. Isaacs | Richmond. |
| West Virginia | George F. Irvine | Wheeling. |
| Wisconsin | John W. Woodhull | Milwaukee. |
| United States | Theodore S. Parvin | Iowa City, Iowa. |

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS.

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| SIR BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass. | Grand Master. |
| SIR ROBERT E. WITHERS, Alexandria, Va. | Deputy Grand Master. |
| SIR CHARLES ROOME, New York, N. Y. | Grand Generalissimo. |
| SIR JOHN P. S. GABIN, Lebanon, Va. | Grand Captain General. |
| SIR HUGH McCURDY, Corunna, Mich. | Grand Senior Warden. |
| SIR WILLIAM L. THOMAS, Danville, Ky. | Grand Junior Warden. |
| SIR JOHN W. SIMONS, New York, N. Y. | Grand Treasurer. |
| SIR THEODORE S. PARVIN, Iowa City, Ia. | Grand Recorder. |
| SIR HIRAM S. GRAVES, San Francisco, Cali. | Grand Standard Bearer. |
| SIR HENRY B. STODDARD, Bryan, Texas | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| SIR JEROME B. BORDEN, New Brunswick, N. J. | Grand Warden. |
| SIR SILAS E. SHELDON, Topeka, Kan. | Grand Captain of the Guard. |

The Twenty-second Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment will be held at San Francisco, California, the third Tuesday (21st) in August, 1883.

CODE OF STATUTES
—OF—
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR and the Appendant Orders of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

Jurisdiction.

Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

Objects.

SECTION. 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause, annul and revoke

the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

The annual conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at the City of Denver, on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five (75) dollars; *Provided, however,* That this shall not apply to petitions heretofore received by any Commandery under this Grand Commandery.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For Dispensation ninety dollars (\$90), and for Charter the further sum of ten dollars (\$10).

SEC. 3. Each subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of one dollar annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns; a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each annual conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular annual conclave.

SEC. 5. The Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery shall be entitled to the sum of five dollars (\$5) for each dispensation granted, and the further sum of five dollars (\$5) for each charter when issued.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees of three Sir Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next annual conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

FORMS.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir ——— Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:

The undersigned, petitioners, respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at ———, and to be known as ——— Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir ———, to be the first Commander; Sir ———, to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir ——— to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at ———, in the County of ———, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the Order.

Dated, ———

~~§~~ The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of ——— Commandery, No. ———
Knights Templar, stationed at ———, Colorado:*

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in ——— Lodge, No. —, and the degree of M. M., P. M., M. E., and R. A., in ——— Chapter, No. —, and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is ———

Residence, ———

Occupation ———

Dated at ———, Col., —, A. D. 18—.

We recommend Companion _____ to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report _____.

_____, Col., _____, A. D. 18—. A. O. 76—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of _____ Commandery No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at _____, Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Kn'ght Templar, and late a member of _____ Commandery, No. —, stationed at _____, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is _____.

Residence, _____.

Occupation, _____.

_____, Col., _____, A. D., 18—, A. O. 76—.

We recommend Sir _____ to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

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GRAND COMMANDER, GRAND GENERALISSIMO,
GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

The Eighth Annual Conclave will be held in Denver on Friday after the Third Tuesday in September, A. D. 1883.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery

OF



HELD IN DENVER, SEPTEMBER 21, 1883, A. O. 765.

SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, G. C. DENVER. SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, G. R. GEORGETOWN.

DENVER :

**DAILY TIMES STEAM PRINTING HOUSE AND BLANK BOOK MANUFACTORY.
1884.**

Grand Commandery of Colorado.

1883.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in annual conclave at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery No. 1, in Denver, Friday, September 21st, A. D. 1883, A. O. 765, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—

OFFICERS.

MICHAEL H. FITCH G. Commander.
ROGER W. WOODBURY G. Generalissimo.
JAMES P. MAXWELL as G. Capt. General.
FRANCIS GALLUP G. Prelate.
GEO. C. ROBERTS G. S. Warden.
CHAS. H. JACOBSON G. J. Warden.
WM. D. TODD G. Treasurer.
ED. C. PARMELEE G. Recorder.
ANDREW SAGENDORF G. Standard Bearer.
ANSON E. MOOK as G. Sword Bearer.
HORACE N. BANKS G. Warder.
THOS. LINTON G. Capt. of the Guard.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

WEBSTER D. ANTHONY P. G. Commander.
HARPER M. ORAHOOD P. G. Commander.
MICHAEL SPANGLER P. G. Commander.
And Representatives from all the Chartered Commanderies.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

The Grand Commandery was opened in KNIGHTLY FORM.

CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Recorder, J. P. Maxwell and H. N. Banks were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who after a time presented their report, which showed the following Sir Knights present:

GRAND OFFICERS, as before given.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| CALIFORNIA | HARPER M. ORAHOOD. |
| CONNECTICUT | MICHAEL SPANGLER. |
| LOUISIANA | ROGER W. WOODBURY. |
| MARYLAND | ROGER W. WOODBURY. |
| NORTH CAROLINA | ROGER W. WOODBURY. |
| OHIO | WM. D. TODD. |
| PENNSYLVANIA | HARPER M. ORAHOOD. |
| VERMONT | ED. C. PARMELEE. |
| WEST VIRGINIA | JOHN R. HAMBL. |

COMMANDERY REPRESENTATIVES.

NOTE—Those present in *Italics*.

| NAME OF LODGE. | E. C., G., C. G. | PROXIES. |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Colorado No. 1 | <i>Roger W. Woodbury</i> | |
| " " | <i>George C. Roberts</i> | |
| " " | <i>Michael Spangler</i> | |
| Central City No. 2 | <i>William Fullerton</i> | |
| " " | <i>Newton D. Owen</i> | <i>Harper M. Oranhood.</i> |
| " " | <i>Edwin F. Clinton</i> | <i>Richard Harvey.</i> |
| Pueblo No. 3 | <i>Horace N. Banks</i> | |
| " " | <i>Robert F. Lytle</i> | <i>James H. Peabody.</i> |
| " " | <i>H. M. Morse</i> | <i>Chris. Wilson.</i> |
| Georgetown No. 4 | <i>John F. Phillips</i> | |
| " " | <i>Ed. C. Parmelee</i> | |
| " " | <i>Warren M. Fletcher</i> | <i>John F. Phillips.</i> |
| Mount of the Holy Cross No 6 | <i>Albert H. Branch</i> | |
| " " " " | <i>Joseph H. Playter</i> | |
| " " " " | <i>Francis Rose</i> | <i>Arthur T. Playter.</i> |

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| Pike's Peak No. 6 | | Anson E. Mook | |
| " | " | Joseph F. Humphrey | Anson E. Mook. |
| " | " | Charles E. Edwards | Anson E. Mook. |
| Mount Sinai No. 7 | ..... | James P. Maxwell | ..... |
| " | " | James A. Smith | ..... |
| " | " | Horace O. Dodge | W. Devettin. |

USE OF ASYLUM.

A communication from Colorado Commandery No. 1, tendering the use of their Asylum, was read and ordered placed on file.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following Committees:

ON FINANCE.

JAMES P. MAXWELL,
ANSON E. MOOK,
CHARLES H. JACOBSON.

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

ROGER W. WOODBURY,
GEORGE C. ROBERTS,
CHRIS. WILSON.

ON PETITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,
ANDREW SAGENDORF,
JAMES A. SMITH.

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

ED. C. PARMELEE,
WM. D. TODD,
ALBERT H. BRANCH.

The Grand Commander delivered the following address:

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir Knights :

The past year has been one of great prosperity for the Order in this State. Eighty-five Knights have been created in the seven chartered Commanderies, and eighteen have been admitted. The number borne upon the rolls is now three hundred and eighty-one. Sir Knight Wm. Moore, of Pueblo Commandery No. 3, and Sir Knights A. L. Rickford and M. A. Ozman, of Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, have died.

The Grand Commandery meets for the Eighth Annual Conclave with unbroken ranks, though our worthy Grand Captain of the Guard was very near death's door.

For His continued care of us we give thanks to the "Supreme Architect of the Universe," who doeth all things well.

DISPENSATIONS.

On March 5th, 1883, at request of Mount Sinai Commandery No. 7, I granted permission for its members to appear in public in uniform at the dedication on March 8th, 1883, of the new county court house at Boulder.

While I was absent from the state in January last, the Deputy Grand Commander granted permission to Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5 to remove to a new asylum in Leadville.

On May 28th last I granted dispensation to fourteen Sir Knights whose names are signed to the petition therefor, the petition being in form and accompanied by the limits, to form a Commandery at Gunnison, to be called the Gunnison Commandery U. D.

At the request of R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders, Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, by letter dated at Lawrence, Mass., May 16th last, I granted permission for Boston Commandery, as escort to the Most Eminent Grand Master, to cross our dominions in its pilgrimage to the Triennial Conclave in August, and upon the 12th of June last, upon a similar request from R. E. Sir Henry Turner, Grand Commander of Illinois, I issued a like dispensation to St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, and also that they should appear in public in uniform while sojourning here.

On July 19th last I issued a special dispensation to Colorado Commandery No. 1, of Denver, at their written request, to remove to a new asylum in the City Hall building; also permission to appear in public on the 13th day of August, 1883, as a mounted escort to the General Grand Chapter.

Gunnison Commandery U. D. applied July 7th for a special dispensation to enable them to ballot upon two petitions for membership in two weeks from date of reception, on the ground that if they took the regular time they could not be voted on until August 9th, and that would not give time to create them Knights so as to visit the Conclave in San Francisco August 21st. I declined the application, because there would be time to accomplish what they desired by taking the regular course. I think that the issuing of special dispensations, as a rule, should be confined to the fewest cases—for instance—to relieve Commanderies from doing injustice, or in great emergencies, and not always as a matter of convenience to applicants, and in no instance should a By-Law be violated if it can be avoided.

APPOINTMENTS.

I received an application, dated March 16th, 1883, from the Grand Commander of Kentucky, asking representation near this Grand Body, and suggesting a name to represent this Grand Commandery near that of Kentucky. I accordingly appointed R. E. Sir A. H. Gardner, of Louisville, Ky., as our representative in that jurisdiction, and Em. Sir Porter J. Costen, of Buena Vista, was appointed and commissioned by the Grand Commander of Kentucky, representative near this Grand Commandery.

On the 25th of September, 1882, I appointed Em. Sir R. W. Woodbury, Grand Generalissimo, to constitute and dedicate Mount Sinai Commandery No. 7, at Boulder, and install its officers. His report, dated October 24th, 1882, is herewith submitted, showing that he performed said duty on the 24th day of October, 1882, assisted by other Grand Officers. I also submit herewith an accompanying letter of Sir Woodbury's stating that he installed as Generalissimo of said Commandery a

Knight not named in the charter as an officer, but selected by the Commandery. I agree with Sir Woodbury in all the conclusions he states in his letter, and especially that the granting of a charter by a Grand Commandery dimitts all the Knights named therein from their former affiliations within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery granting the charter.

DECISIONS

I received a letter, dated December 4, 1882, from Companion Geo. K. Kimball, of Golden Chapter No. 5, saying that several Sir Knights of Golden desired to form a Commandery, but first desired to know whether signing a petition for dispensation would dimit them from their Commanderies. I decided that the granting of a charter only would have that effect, but that the petition for dispensation should be accompanied by the dimitts of the signers. No application has been received for the dispensation.

On June 2, 1883, the Em. Commander of Mt. of the Holy Cross Commandery of Leadville, stated by letter that Sir S. McDowell, J. W., had removed from the state and desired a dimit, but that he did not see how it could be granted. I wrote him to grant the dimit if the Sir Knight was in good standing and his dues were paid.

In answer to a question from the Commander of Gunnison Commandery U. D. I decided that a Commandery under dispensation could receive members by affiliation, and that these, as well as those knighted by it, can become charter members by signing the application for charter.

The Grand Commander of Mt. of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5 applied under date of July 5, 1883, for the privilege to act upon a petition for membership prior to the expiration of the required six months from the date of a former rejection of same applicant on the ground that the member who had cast the only black ball at the previous ballot dimitted and the applicant desired to visit San Francisco as a Knight in August. I decided that the rejection of the applicant was perfectly legal, and there was no good reason why he should not wait the usual period.

COMMITTEE ON BANNER AND JEWELS.

At our last Conclave I was appointed a Committee to procure a suitable banner and jewels. After corresponding with several eastern manufacturers of these articles I found that the appropriation of \$400 made in the Order would not cover the cost, but I procured them at a cost of \$441.95 and some express charges, which were paid by the treasurer, and I ask that you authorize the additional expenditure, receive the banner and jewels, and discharge the Committee. In the selection of suitable designs for banner and jewels I was greatly assisted by Past Grand Commander I. W. Stanton and Sir W. A. Elderkin.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

The most important event of the year has been the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States at San Francisco, commencing on the 21st day of August last. Your Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander were present in person, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General were represented by Sir Knight W. E. Greenlee and Sir Knight H. N. Banks, respectively, by proxy. Past Grand Commander H. M. Oranhood was also in attendance. The most important action taken by the Grand Encampment was the adoption of a ritual of the work in the Order of Knights of Malta. This Grand Body will be furnished with an official copy of the work in due time, which is in both a long and short form. It is left discretionary with each Grand Commandery to make either one of the forms obligatory upon the Subordinate Commanderies. I think the short form will be

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found all that this Grand Body will care to burden the Subordinate Commanderies with. The work of the Orders of the Red Cross and Knights Templar is as much as the average Commandery can do well and as much as it has time to do. It would have been very gratifying if one evening had been set apart by the Grand Encampment for an exemplification of the Malta Ritual, but there was nothing done except its adoption, and provision for its distribution in book form.

The attendance of Knights from all parts of the Union at the Conclave was large. From Colorado there were sixty, forty-five of whom were in line on the 20th of August in the grand parade, commanded by Past Grand Commander Orahood. Our headquarters were at the Grand Hotel, where a register was kept, not only of Knights from Colorado, but of all visitors, among whom were some of the most distinguished Knights in the country.

I desire now to return the thanks of the Sir Knights present from Colorado to the Sir Knights of California for the magnificent hospitality and fellowship shown every hour we were in California. The entertainments were of the grandest order, and extended over the whole time the visiting Knights were in their dominions.

IN CONCLUSION.

Now, Sir Knights, in returning into your hands the high authority conferred upon me by your votes a year ago, with the gratitude of a faithful heart for the high honor, my only regret is that I could not do more for the advancement and glory of the noblest Order that flourishes to-day. Let us always remember that it rests upon the only firm and permanent foundation for the true brotherhood of man—the tenets of the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues.

Courteously submitted,

M. H. FITCH,

Grand Commander.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion the address was referred to Harper M. Orahood, Michael Spangler and Webster D. Anthony for division and reference.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WM. D. TODD, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Colorado:

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| Sept. 22, 1892. | To balance | \$ 1,193 79 | By warrant No. 29 | \$ 10 00 |
| " 23, 1892. | " Grand Recorder | 117 00 | " 30 | 50 00 |
| " 18, 1893. | " " " " | 756 00 | " 31 | 50 00 |
| " 20, " " " " | 51 00 | " 32 | 7 50 | |
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GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

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| May 21, " " Gunnison | 90 00 | " 34 | \$ 400 00 |
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| Total | \$2,229 64 | | |

\$ 694 25

Sept. 21, 1883. To balance 1,595 89

For which find certified check, together with vouchers for disbursements.

Courteously submitted,

WM. D. TODD,

Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The Grand Recorder presented his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado:

I submit my seventh annual report as follows:

As ordered at our last Conclave, a charter was issued to Mount Sinai Commandery No. 7, stationed at Boulder, Sept. 22, 1882.

I have drawn warrants on Sir Knight our Grand Treasurer—

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| On account of Salaries | \$ 69 00 |
| " Contingent Fund for Grand Recorder | 50 00 |
| " Printing | 118 25 |
| " Postage for Grand Commander | 6 00 |
| " Banner and Jewels | 400 00 |
| Total | \$694 25 |

I have received—

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| For Charter | \$ 10 00 |
| For Dispensation | 90 00 |
| For Dues, No. 6, for 1882 | 117 00 |
| " " 1 | 244 00 |
| " " 2 | 82 00 |
| " " 3 | 187 00 |
| " " 4 | 42 00 |
| " " 5 | 88 00 |
| " " 6 | 51 00 |
| " " 7 | 158 00 |
| Total | \$1,014 00 |

And have paid the Grand Treasurer \$1,014 00.

Of the appropriation of \$50 00 for Contingent Expenses of the Grand Recorder's Office I have expended \$28 15.

The balance, \$21 85, I have paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Mount of the Holy Cross No. 6, and Pike's Peak No. 6 did not make returns and pay down within the time required by section 3, article 4, of our statutes.

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Gunnison Commandery U. D. have made returns, returned dispensation and records, and ask for charter. Courteously,

ED. C. PARMELLE,

Grand Recorder.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Harper M. Orahood, for the Committee, presented a partial report, and on motion, was granted further time to complete the same.

REPORT ON GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

The following was read and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, most courteously submit the following report:

We recommend that that portion of the address referring to dispensations for new Commanderies be referred to the Committee on Returns and Work.

That that portion relating to decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That that portion relating to the purchase of banners and jewels be referred to the Finance Committee.

That that portion relating to the appointments of Grand Representatives and permits for foreign Commanderies to visit this jurisdiction be approved.

That that portion of the address wherein special dispensation was refused to Gunnison Commandery U. D. to enable them to ballot upon petitions within the time specified by law, be approved.

Courteously submitted,

H. M. ORAHOOD,

M. SPANGLER,

W. D. ANTHONY.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock
p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1883.

The Grand Commandery was called to order by
Grand Commander Fitch at 2 o'clock p. m.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following was read and adopted:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Recorder's reports, and find them correct.

Your Committee would further recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be placed to the credit of the Grand Recorder, to be used by him as a contingent fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. MAXWELL,
CHAS. H. JACOBSON,
A. E. MOOK.

REPORT ON RETURNS—CHARTER GRANTED.

The following was read and adopted, and a charter ordered issued as therein recommended:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Returns and Work respectfully report that they have examined the returns of all the chartered Commanderies and of Gunnison Commandery under dispensation. They find that No. 5 owes \$11 00 dues on eleven members created during the year. No. 7 owes \$1 00 on a member reported as such and also as an honorary member. No. 7 reports one as admitted, but does not give his name nor date of admission. No. 6 reports two admitted instead of created. The dates of their being created are omitted. No. 6 owes \$2.00 on these two Knights. In comparing the reports with those made last year we also find that No. 6 paid \$18 less than it should, this amount being due from the eighteen members who were created during the year previous to our last annual. We recommend that the Grand Recorder collect the foregoing amounts.

Gunnison Commandery U. D. has constituted sixteen, created sixteen, and admitted one, and has paid dues on the Knights created. The minutes in one place refer to petitions being received for membership instead of for the Orders. In a number of instances they fail to show what officers were present. With these exceptions they are in the main correct. The By-Laws, provide, in section 2, article 7, for trials to take place before commissions instead of before the Commandery. We recommend the striking out of the whole of said section, inasmuch as the practice

is contrary to sections 123 and 124, found in supplement to the code of statutes of Grand Encampment. We recommend the issuance of a charter under the name of Gunnison Commandery No. 8, with A. J. Bean as E. C.; John J. Thomas, Gen.; and Otis P. Abercrombie as Captain General.

All of which is courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY.
GEO. C. ROBERTS,
CHRISTOPHER WILSON.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The following was read and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions rendered by the E. E. Grand Commander as set forth in his address, submit the following report:

We do not approve of that part of No. 1 which decides that dimitts from former Commanderies must accompany petitions for the formation of new Commanderies under dispensation. Section 2 of article 9 and article 27 of Code of Statutes, and section 15 of supplement thereof, of the Grand Encampment of the United States clearly defines the status of Sir Knights so petitioning, and their affiliation in former Commanderies only ceases when a charter is granted to the new Commandery for which the Sir Knight has petitioned.

No. 2 approved.

We do not approve of decision No. 3, permitting Commanderies U. D. to receive petitions for affiliation. A Commandery U. D. can perform only such acts as are defined in the dispensation, i. e.: to meet as a Commandery and to confer the Orders of Knighthood. They cannot admit unaffiliated Knights to membership while under dispensation. The Commandery under dispensation may never be chartered, and the affiliated Knight would therefore lose his membership.

Decision No. 4 is approved and heartily recommended for the guidance of Grand Commanders in similar cases in future.

All of which is courteously submitted,

W. D. ANTHONY,
R. W. WOODBURY.

BANNER AND JEWELS.

On motion of Ed. C. Parmelee a warrant was ordered drawn on the Grand Treasurer for \$43 40, being the amount advanced by him for the balance due on Banner and Jewels.

ELECTION.

The Grand Commandery proceeded to the annual election.

Charles H. Jacobson and Michael Spangler were appointed to collect and assort the votes.

The balloting resulted in the election of—

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| ROGER W. WOODBURY | Denver | G. Commander. |
| JAMES P. MAXWELL | Boulder | D. G. Commander. |
| HORACE N. BANKS | South Pueblo | G. Generalissimo. |
| GEORGE C. ROBERTS | Denver | G. Capt. General. |
| FRANCIS GALLUP | Denver | G. Prelate. |
| CHARLES H. JACOBSON | Georgetown | G. S. Warden. |
| ALBERT H. BRANCH | Leadville | G. J. Warden. |
| WILLIAM D. TODD | Denver | G. Treasurer. |
| ED. C. PARMELEE | Georgetown | G. Recorder. |

The Treasurer and Recorder were re-elected by an unanimous vote.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read :

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| ANDREW SAGENDORF | Colorado Springs | G. Standard Bearer. |
| RICHARD HARVEY | Central City | G. Sword Bearer. |
| ADONIRAM J. BEAN | Gunnison | G. Warden. |
| THOMAS LINTON | Denver | G. Capt. of Guard. |

INSTALLATION.

Michael H. Fitch, Grand Commander, installed Roger W. Woodbury, Grand Commander elect, who installed the other elected and appointed officers.

THANKS.

On motion of Wm. D. Todd, the thanks of the Grand Commandery were tendered to Past Grand Commander Michael H. Fitch for his admirable selection of Banner and Jewels for this Grand Commandery.

The following, offered by Michael H. Fitch, was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be hereby tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1 for the use of their asylum for this Annual Conclave.

SALARIES.

The following, offered by Harper M. Orahood, was adopted :

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Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Grand Recorder for \$50 00, and in favor of the Grand Captain of the Guard for \$20 00 for services.

COMMITTEES.

The following committees were appointed:

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

MICHAEL H. FITCH, Pueblo,
WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver,
MICHAEL SPANGLER, Denver.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver,
ANDREW SAGENDORF, Colorado Springs,
GRAND RECORDER.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes were then read and approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Com-mandery of Colorado was closed in SOLEMN and KNIGHTLY FORM, to meet in Denver on Friday after the third Tuesday of September, A. D. 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m.

ROGER W. WOODBURY,

Grand Commander.

Attest—



Grand Recorder.

Appendix.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.
LIST OF MEMBERSHIP.
STATISTICAL TABLES.
STATUTES.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following-named jurisdictions:

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| Alabama | 23d Annual Conclave... | May 16, 1883. |
| Arkansas | 11th Annual Conclave... | May 8, 1883. |
| California | 25th Annual Conclave... | April 12, 1883. |
| Canada | 7th Annual Assembly ... | October 17, 1882. |
| Connecticut | 56th Annual Conclave... | March 20, 1883. |
| Georgia | 22d Annual Conclave... | May 16, 1883. |
| Illinois | 26th Annual Conclave... | October 24, 1882. |
| Indiana | 29th Annual Conclave... | April 24, 1883. |
| Iowa | 19th Annual Conclave... | September 13, 1882. |
| Kansas | 15th Annual Conclave... | May 8, 1883. |
| Kentucky | 36th Annual Conclave... | May 18, 1883. |
| Louisiana | 20th Annual Conclave... | February 16, 1883. |
| Maine | 31st Annual Conclave... | May 3, 1882. |
| Massachusetts & Rhode Island. | 77th Annual Conclave... | October 31, 1882. |
| Michigan | 27th Annual Conclave... | May 8, 1883. |
| Minnesota | 17th Annual Conclave... | June 24, 1882. |
| Mississippi | 23d Annual Conclave... | May 9, 1883. |
| Missouri | 22d Annual Conclave... | May 1, 1883. |
| Nebraska | 10th Annual Conclave... | April 18, 1882. |
| New Hampshire | 23d Annual Conclave... | September 26, 1882. |
| New Jersey | 24th Annual Conclave... | September 11, 1882. |
| New York | 69th Annual Conclave... | October 3, 1882. |
| North Carolina | 2d Annual Conclave... | October 10, 1882. |
| Ohio | 40th Annual Conclave... | October 11, 1882. |
| Pennsylvania | 29th Annual Conclave... | May 30, 1882. |
| Tennessee | 21st Annual Conclave... | May 1, 1883. |
| Texas | 30th Annual Conclave... | April 18, 1883. |
| Vermont | 41st Annual Conclave... | June 12, 1883. |
| West Virginia | 7th, 8th, 9th Annual Conclaves... | 1881, 1882 & 1883. |
| Wisconsin | 24th Annual Conclave... | September 5, 1882. |

Maryland and Virginia have not reached us.

ALABAMA—1883.

All the Grand Officers present and eight Commanderies represented.

Grand Commander Sir Daniel Smith, in his address, reports that he has visited every Commandery in the jurisdiction during the year, and reports them generally in a good condition.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that nothing had been presented to them for consideration.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Sayre, Grand Recorder, and is concise and well written. Colorado is kindly mentioned.

ARKANSAS—1883.

Grand Commander Thompson makes a short address, reporting his official acts, which he says "have been few and unimportant." He tells us that "Templar Masonry has participated in the general prosperity which has reigned throughout the country."

No Report on Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA—1883.

The Grand Commander in his address says:

A quarter of a century has passed since ten vallant and magnanimous Knights in Templar Convocation formed this Grand Body, elected its officers and held its first Conclave. There were then borne upon the rolls of the three Commanderies in this State one hundred and thirty members, and to-day we number full *sixteen hundred*—which shows a creditable and steady increase of our membership, and a rapid dissemination of the noble principles of our beloved Order.

The number of our Commanderies has increased from *three to twenty* chartered Commanderies, with *three* organized and working under dispensation and asking for charters at this Conclave, and *one* applicant to this Grand Body at this Conclave for a dispensation to organize another. This, for our young State, is a rapid increase, and shows a prosperous and healthy condition of the Order of Christian Knighthood on our western shore.

The past has been the most active year in Knight Templarism in our jurisdiction: caused, no doubt, mainly in view of the fact that the Grand Encampment of the United States is to meet with us in August next, and the active preparations being made for that, to us, great Masonic event.

And as this Grand Body invited the Grand Encampment to hold its Twenty-second Triennial Conclave in our city, and as that Grand Body accepted that invitation, the Grand Encampment will be our guest on that occasion; and it behooves us, as good and true Knights, to see to it that our Superior Grand Body is well provided with suitable and comfortable quarters and right royally entertained. And let me here express the desire and hope that the promises made to the Grand Encampment by our representatives at the last Triennial Conclave, will be fully realized, and on our part, faithfully performed. Let this Supreme legislative body of Knight Templars have a quiet and business session—a boon which they have so long sought, but which they have not found for the four past Conclaves. Let it realize that in coming here it was not allured by false promises and empty boasts of our representatives. It comes to our Pacific shores, seeking to avoid the overburdening influence of prolonged display parades and distracting social entertainments and festivities; and to be

allowed to devote its time to those deeds of exalted usefulness which will so much redound to the permanent good, lasting welfare and prolonged usefulness and perpetuity of the Order.

The wish for "a quiet and business session," we can say, in the light of later events, was not fully realized, especially the quiet part. The other part of the programme, however, "that our Superior Grand Body is well provided with suitable and comfortable quarters *and right royally entertained*," was fully carried out, and extended not only to "our Superior Grand Body," but to every Sir Knight present. For all of which, I know, our Grand Commandery thanks them most heartily.

We fully approve the Grand Commander's views given as follows:

I found also, in some of our Subordinate Commanderies, a new practice inaugurated in conferring the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. This consists in conferring the Order upon more than one candidate at one and the same time, and in some instances, I was informed, as high as seven persons were worked upon at once. Progress is a good thing in its place, but it does not work well in varying the landmarks of Templar Masonry. This Illustrious Order is one of peculiar individuality, and there is no point in the ceremony of conferring properly where more than one candidate can be introduced at the same time without violating the historical landmarks of the Order, and destroying its beauty and offending its dignity. It is a pernicious practice and should not be followed nor indulged in. I have endeavored to correct this evil wherever I found it to exist; but I fear, from report, that those efforts have, in some instances, failed, and the good advice given fell upon barren ground. But we entertain the hope that the Grand Encampment may correct this practice upon an alleged but dangerous precedent.

Grand Recorder Caswell makes the Report on Correspondence, which is very full and complete. Like the writer, he seems to have trouble in getting the proceedings of New York.

He briefly reviews the proceedings of our Grand Commandery for 1883. He very seriously takes Grand Commander Spangler to task for refusing to grant a dispensation to Mt. of the Holy Cross Commandery "to appear in public parade upon commemoration service on the life and death of Sir Knight J. A. Garfield," as follows:

The request of a Commandery to appear in "public parade upon commemoration service on the life and death of Sir J. A. Garfield" was refused, on the ground that it was merely a public parade. We think if there ever was an occasion which would justify the granting a special dispensation to parade, the case in question was one; and why the Grand Commander should have refused in this instance, is a mystery to us. He granted a dispensation for a Commandery to ballot upon the application of a candidate within the time prescribed by law, an infinitely more vicious use of the dispensary power than could be exercised upon all the public parades in Christendom, and yet, to honor the memory of an Illustrious Knight, the head of the nation, foully murdered in that nation's service, he refuses, and screens himself behind the flimsy shelter of a public parade. We believe he will find few to justify the act.

Grand Commander Spangler's ruling does seem a little peculiar when taken in connection with the next ruling made by him. They appear in his address as follows:

On September 24, 1881, I received a verbal request for Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery, at Leadville, to appear in public parade upon commemoration service on the life and death of Sir Knight J. A. Garfield, which I refused, as it was a mere public parade.

On June 16, 1882, I granted a dispensation to Colorado Commandery No. 1, to appear in public for the purpose of attending Divine Service at the Episcopal Cathedral on Ascension Day, June 18th.

Sir Knight Graves, Secretary of the Triennial Committee, makes a report in which he says:

All the committees are diligently at work in making such arrangement as come within the supervision of each, and everything is propitious for making the Twenty-second Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment a marked success.

The result verified the prediction. It was "a marked success," and Sir Knight Graves's efforts contributed largely to that success.

Sir George C. Perkins, Grand Commander, and Sir Thos. H. Caswell re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA—1882.

M. E. Sir Moore, Great Prior, makes a very appropriate but lengthy address. He touches upon the "Convent General" or general convention of the different branches of Templary in the British Dominions. He says:

Although the annual meetings have been discontinued, and it has been found undesirable to call any of late years, the active existence and authority of "Convent General" are but dormant or in abeyance, and may be revived at any time should expediency or necessity demand it; but, to say the least, this is a most unlikely event.

The Trinitarian question is again discussed, but nothing of importance is added to what has been previously said.

He discusses very fully the "Independent movement, and desire to throw off all connection with the parent Body and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales."

Referring to last year's proceedings, he says:

It was therefore quite unnecessary to go through the form of electing me.

And then goes into ecstasies over the fact that His Royal Highness is the Grand Master, only nominally, he

admits, of the Order in Canada. He seems afraid of the American system, as he calls it a democratic constitutional rule:

Holding my office of Great Prior from the Supreme authority in England the connection between the two countries is kept intact, and is something similar to the Governor-General's appointment by the Crown, which keeps up the connection between Canada and the Mother Country—nothing more.

But there are a few in Canada who advocate a visionary Independence, if not disruption of the Dominion, claiming the right to elect their own governor, and not only that, but to impose upon him direct general election of his ministers, and to reduce him to a mere cipher, and this principle seems, I regret to say, to be feeling its way into the Templar Order here.

Speaking about exchange of Representatives with the Grand Commandery of California, he says:

Remarks have been made at our exchanging Representatives with the Grand Commandery of California, as contrary to the rules of the Grand Encampment of the United States; but I really do not *now* see that it is any business of ours to attend to the decrees of the Grand Encampment United States—let them settle with their own subordinates: they have not hesitated to ignore the independence of this Great Priory of Canada, and they might just as well question the independence of England and Ireland, who are similarly situated as ourselves in having the Prince of Wales Grand Master, although each go their own way as totally separate and independent bodies. We are, therefore, in my opinion, fully justified in exchanging friendly relations with such Grand Commanderies as may wish it.

Now it is really too bad that so distinguished a Templar and Mason who says of himself:

As Great Prior I take equal rank in the Order with a Prince of the Blood and Peer of the Realm, acknowledging no superior but our Royal Grand Master and future King, to whom we have all sworn fealty and allegiance,

Should so forget the tenets of his profession as to return evil for evil. But I suppose we must submit to it.

He claims his office for life, and there is an "American" feeling of independence preferring or possibly insisting upon election, which may account for his dislike and for the following paragraph:

I have observed in one preceptory that the notices of meeting are headed "*Asylum*," a word unknown amongst us, and the whole form is that used in the United States system. This should be rectified, and I am sure only requires to be pointed out; our own form of notice or summons is far more explicit and correct.

Sir Knight Dartnell makes the Report on Correspondence in his full and able manner.

Colorado, for 1881, is reviewed.

CONNECTICUT—1883.

Grand Officers present and eleven Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander's address shows a prosperous state of the Order, but otherwise is not of general interest.

M. E. Sir Benjamin Dean paid the Grand Commandery a visit during the Conclave.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder, who says:

We confess it is with some misgivings that we enter the ranks of a corps of well-skilled and well-drilled reporters, whose trenchant blades are bright in the service, and whose armor has seen knightly warfare in the cause of truth, justice and rational liberty, and the Christian elements of the chivalric Order of the Temple. We feel very much like a raw recruit, in the company of a body of distinguished Fraters, who have achieved a well-earned fame, in supporting the principles of one of the grandest of human institutions, exerting a great moral force in the world, and lifting to a high and Christianized tone of morality.

He then makes a full, fair and well-written report. Colorado receives kindly notice. In his conclusion he rather favors the Trinitarian test:

The dogma of the Holy Trinity, and belief in the Divinity of Christ, are being advocated by some with much zeal, as necessary prerequisites to receive the Templar orders; i. e., to be made a test with all applicants for admission. The arguments in favor, coupled with so much of the phraseology of the ritual that has a direct bearing on the question, would naturally lead a zealous Christian Sir Knight to adopt the theological views that have been presented, and favor a belief that is promulgated in the tenets of the Christian Church. While we do not subscribe literally to such conclusions, we do believe all applicants for the honors of Templary should, in a general sense, subscribe to such a faith.

GEORGIA—1883.

Grand Officers and Representatives from seven Commanderies present.

The Grand Commander, in his address, tells us:

The lapse of another year brings us to our Twenty-second Annual Grand Conclave, and the evident signs of prosperity indicated by the goodly number of well uniformed and equipped Sir Knights in attendance, is sufficient guarantee that in the past twelve months our noble Order in this jurisdiction has taken no step backward, but on the contrary, has moved surely and steadily forward.

A Committee on Correspondence was appointed, and next year we may expect a report.

ILLINOIS—1882.

Grand Officers and Representatives from fifty-one Commanderies present.

The Grand Commander, in opening his address, says:

The past year has been one of unusual activity and prosperity throughout our entire jurisdiction, and no discordant sounds have disturbed the sacred melody of the devout Knights kneeling around our hallowed altar.

A very large number of special dispensations were granted, twenty for balloting for candidates in less time than required by the By-Laws; too many, it seems to us. The Grand Commander decided:

First—A Commander that is re-elected should be installed; so should all other officers of a Commandery, and the Commander must be installed before any of his subordinate officers can legally be installed.

Second—If a Commander is re-elected and not installed, he holds over, by virtue of his former election and installation, and his last election would not be of force; and all the old officers would hold over with him, and the installation of any subordinate officer or officers, before the commander elected at the same time is installed, is void and of no effect.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

The Committee does not approve Decisions Nos. 1 and 2, a disapproval of one carrying the other with it.

The report was adopted, very properly we think.

Our friend, Sir Knight Gurney, makes the Report on Correspondence in his usual full and able style.

Colorado (Proceedings 1881), is fully reviewed.

He touches the physical qualification question, from which we extract the following:

We are in sympathy with Sir Orahood in this matter and hope that the Grand Encampment may, some day, tell us *what* physical disability should shut a person out of the constituent body. Commanders are frequently foolish in this thing. When a Companion presents himself for the orders who has been dissected of a finger or toe, they immediately fly to the Grand Commander on the question of eligibility. If they would take the responsibility under the law, and confer the orders, then, if complaint is made, the Grand Commandery must settle the question, *if it can*. How could it be accomplished?

The volume is well arranged, with a complete index, and printed in the highest style of the art, and is a credit to the Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1883.

Grand Commander Sweet's address shows a large increase in membership during the year. He also reports:

It is also with great satisfaction that I report to you that peace and harmon reign supreme within our borders. I know of no bickerings or contentions in our ranks, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.

With regret we notice the death of R. E. Charles Cruft, P. G. C., and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. The Grand Commander, in his General Order No. 2, says of him:

In the death of our esteemed *Frater* our beloved Order has lost one of its most valuable members, holding the position, as he has done for several years past, of Chairman of our Committee on Correspondence, in which he had gained a favorable reputation wherever Knight Templarism is known, and in other ways, by his wise counsel, had secured an influence in our Grand Commandery that falls to the lot of but few Sir Knights.

Appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Grand Commandery. He had prepared part of the Report on Correspondence before his death. It is completed by Sir N. R. Ruckle, and is very full and complete. As usual, we appropriate the statistical tables bodily.

Colorado is kindly noticed.

IOWA—1882.

Grand Commander Ainsworth in his address says:

From all parts of the jurisdiction there come to us pleasing reports of progress in every department of Masonry. From every quarter the attentive ear catches the hum of busy Masonic workshops, in which are being fashioned for a higher life blocks capable of receiving the finest finish, the highest polish. Everywhere, from the ground floor where toils the youngest apprentice, on to our asylum, is heard the evidence of rapid advance. At no time within the memory of the present generation has Masonry been so prosperous or so respected as now, and to no grade is greater regard paid, or are more earnest eyes turned, than to our own. At times, to a thinking man, it looks almost as though Templarism had entered the rapids above a cataract, and was being whirled to destruction, and the time has now come, more than ever before, when it becomes us to choose carefully our associates. We can now afford to do so far better than we can to receive indiscriminately those who apply. It is becoming fashionable now to be a Templar, and now, as of old, it is well to be watchful "when all men speak well of you." Still, I am not an alarmist. The outlook for the order is good. Its members are zealous and energetic, and intend to do what is right. As well in civil life as in the Masonic has the year been one of success. In almost every part of our land bustling granaries make glad the heart, and peace, health and plenty have been vouchsafed us. For these blessings, our most devout thanks are due to Him who has so blessed us.

There was a public parade, a prize drill, reception, speeches, and a big time generally.

Sir W. B. Langridge makes a very complete Report on Correspondence. Colorado, 1881, is reviewed.

KANSAS—1883.

The Grand Commander's address is confined principally to a report of his official acts during the year.

The proceedings were usual routine business.

The Report on Correspondence is made by the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Brown, and is complete. Colorado receives kindly notice.

KENTUCKY—1883.

The Grand Commander, in opening his address, says:

Health and happiness have been spared to us all. No bickerings, ill-feelings or disaffection exist anywhere within our border; all is contentment, prosperity and peace. With many more accessions to our ranks than on any previous year, we meet to-day in the Thirty-Sixth Annual Conclave.

The Masonic veteran, Sir Robert Morris, was present, and recited an original poem, which is printed with the proceedings.

Sir Charles R. Woodruff, P. G. C., makes a full and able Report on Correspondence. We notice he too misses New York proceedings.

LOUISIANA—1883.

A fine steel engraving of Sir Samuel M. Todd, P. G. C., is given.

Sir M. E. Girard Grand, Representative of Colorado, was present.

Grand Master Dean's decision on the proxy question, referred to in our last report, is given in full. A closing paragraph is as follows:

It is plain, however, that the principal being both present and active, and he having but one vote, the proxy cannot act or vote.

Grand Commander Chaffe then adds:

It is to be regretted that this decision is antagonistic to a decision by Grand Master French, (see page 27, Proceedings Triennial Conclave, 1862), approved by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and this fact, taken in connection with Grand Master Dean's letter to P. G. Master Fellows, on this subject, induces me to the belief that Grand Master Dean would likely reverse his decision after maturer deliberation and investigation. Under the circumstances I am constrained to construe Grand Master Dean's decision in abeyance and Grand Master French's ruling in force in this Grand Commandery.

We do not think any amount of deliberation or investigation would induce the Grand Master to change his decision.

The Committee on Correspondence "regret that the financial condition of our funds," whatever that may be, prevents them from reporting. They, however, pay their respects to the Committee on Correspondence of Maryland, in the course of which they say:

While we do not fear, but rather court, the friendly criticism of our actions by our fraters of other jurisdictions, we would be destitute of all self-respect if we allowed such language to go without justly resenting it. We hope that the fact will appear that the Grand Commandery of Maryland was not fully advised when it received and authorized the publication of the report in question, and trust that it will see fit to disavow all intention to wound our feelings.

Your Committee detached that part of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Maryland which contained the report in question, and returned it to the Grand Recorder of Maryland, with an expression of their belief that that Grand Commandery did not knowingly authorize the publication and distribution of the denunciation of the fraters of Louisiana, as contained in that document.

It is altogether probable that the Grand Commandery of Maryland had nothing to do with it. In fact, these reports are to be considered the views of the writer only, unless in some way *directly* approved by the Grand Commandery.

MAINE—1882.

Grand Commander Burnham, in his address, tells us:

We have reason to believe that Templar Masonry in Maine has been reasonably prosperous, and that the Commanderies maintain a good degree of interest, with fair prospect for the future.

On the questions of religious tests, he says:

To that which has been written upon this subject, I have little to add. The Knights Templar of Maine come from not less than eight religious denominations, and, having journeyed thus far together without religious differences, hope to travel on in peace until the end. It appears to be proven that the old Templar was a fighting monk, obligated to the Roman Catholic Church, to celibacy and to poverty. To neither of these institutions are many of us inclined. If a Knight takes comfort in the religious doctrines of seven hundred years ago, or of any of the intervening centuries, so may he profess and possess. If he prefers a bachelor to be, let him continue; the loss will be his own. If he also is enamored of poverty, he will get enough of it before he dies.

From which, we infer, he does not favor the "Trinitarian test."

Sir Stephen Berry makes the Report on Correspondence in his usual able style. Colorado for 1881 is noticed.

The subject of drill he treats rather mildly, as follows:

Western jurisdictions are actively stirring in the matter of drill. It is a subject for consideration whether eastern Commanderies shall endeavor to keep up with their western fraters in drill, or trust to time to cool the western ardor. If the former

plan is adopted, the practicable way is to form a drill corps, in the Commandery, of those who are willing to perfect themselves, and then get up competitive drills with other Commanderies.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—1882.

At the Semi-Annual Conclave May 23, 1883, the principal business was a discussion of the status of members of Commanderies U. D. in the chartered Commanderies of which they are members.

Sir Knights Cheever and Lawrence make an extensive report to show that membership in a Commandery U. D. is not membership at all, and in no way affects the membership in the chartered Commandery, and that the law of the Grand Encampment of the United States:

1. After a dispensation is granted to form a new Commandery, the membership of the Knights who petitioned therefor remains in abeyance as to the older Commanderies to which they belonged when signing the petition. They become active members of the Commandery while under dispensation, and when a charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, they continue to be members of the new Commandery and cease to be members of the old ones.

2. If the dispensation should be withdrawn, or a charter refused, the Knights who petitioned therefor resume their membership in their former Commanderies without petition or other ceremony.

3. When a Charter is granted and the Commandery constituted, the Recorder of the new Commandery must certify the fact to each Commandery to which any of the petitioning Knights belonged, and this will terminate their former affiliation.

Is not law at all.

A minority report is made by Sir Knight Van Slyck, taking the contrary view.

Grand Master Dean retired, pending the discussion.

Sir Edwin Wright said that inasmuch as a continuance of the dispensation to Temple Commandery U. D. had been refused by vote of this Body, and that had become dead matter, he now moved that further consideration of the whole subject be indefinitely postponed. On taking the question on the motion of Sir Knight Edwin Wright, fifty-five Sir Knights voted in the affirmative, and twenty-three in the negative, and the motion to "indefinitely postpone" was carried.

So we are left entirely in the dark, and presume it was thought best to "dodge the question," as our Supreme Courts sometimes do, or to submit to the law as it stands in "The Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law," enacted and published by the Grand Encampment.

Grand Master Dean, in an address takes strongly the side of the minority report. We think the minority right.

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On the question of Tactics and Drill the Grand Commander says :

More than three years ago, I think, this Grand Commandery approved and placed in the hands of a committee for their final revision and judgment, a system of Templar Tactics. My experience and observation has inclined me to think that our subordinates need some authoritative code for the uniformity of work, the discipline which it necessarily enforces, and for the general interest which it promotes. I believe as a rule that the Commanderies which are most vigorous and successful among us are those who are most interested in the proprieties and forms of our work. The enquiry is very general as to why some system of Tactics is not adopted, and its use made obligatory in the jurisdiction. I trust some action will be taken to-day in the matter.

A resolution was passed :

Voted. That the special Committee on Tactics and Drill have full powers to prepare and adopt, subject to the approval of the R. E. Grand Commander and his three associate officers, in the Council of this Grand Commandery, a system of Knights Templar Tactics and Drill, and to promulgate the same at the expense of the Grand Commandery.

We presume this will settle this question for a time, at least, in this jurisdiction.

MICHIGAN—1883.

OPENING.

The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Jessa E. Saxton, Acting Grand Commander, owing to the death of Grand Commander Charles E. Grisson, assisted by the Grand, Past Grand Officers, Representatives and visiting Knights present, proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in ample and knightly form.

Sir Knight McCurdy, S. W. of the Grand Encampment of the United States, visited the Grand Commandery as the Representative of the Grand Master and made an eloquent address.

The Acting Grand Commander makes a very full address, in which he pays a high tribute to the character of the late Grand Commander Grisson, who died November 20, 1882.

The Committee on Uniform made a report, fixing minutely the dress and uniform to be worn, which, after much discussion, was accepted and adopted, and action deferred thereon until after the session of the Grand Encampment of the United States in August next, when,

if no definite action is had and no uniform adopted by that Grand Body, the R. E Grand Commander is requested to promulgate the proper order to carry into effect without delay the report of the Special Committee as adopted.

We presume the order has been carried into effect.

Sir William P. Innes makes the Report on Correspondence ("either Fraternal or Foreign, as seems best"), in his usual able style.

Colorado for 1882 is fully reviewed.

MINNESOTA—1882.

From the Grand Commander's address we learn the Order is in a flourishing condition.

Referring to drill he says:

I believe in Templar drill and parades under proper restrictions. From the nature of our organization, when we do appear in public it is with a semi-military aspect, and we owe it to ourselves and to the Order to spend sufficient time in preparation that we do not shock the eternal fitness of things by lack of discipline or awkwardness of movement. I have yet to learn of an instance where the development of this feature has been at the expense of the more important teachings of the ritual. On the contrary, a special proficiency in the drill seems to go hand in hand with renewed interest in the Asylum work.

He closes his address in the following flowing style:

My business interests will hereafter compel a residence in another jurisdiction, although I will retain my membership with you. It is with deepest regret I part with my many social, political and masonic friends in Minnesota, yet you can rest assured that the honors and dignity I have received at your hands will never be forgotten, and in after years in tender retrospect, I will often retrace the route along the silvery stream of my Minnesota life, again enjoy the inspiration of a refreshing rest on its mossy banks, and cull a new, bright bouquet from the fragrant flowers of fraternal friendship blossoming perennially along its shores. Fratres, farewell, and may the Almighty Maker of heaven and earth lift upon you the light of His countenance and ever keep you from falling.

Sir Pierson, Grand Recorder, makes the Report on Correspondence. It is full and complete. Colorado for 1881 is kindly noticed.

MISSISSIPPI—1883.

Regarding the state of the Order, we quote from the Grand Commander's address:

The several Subordinate Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction seem to have been so well governed by their officers during the past year that there has been no occasion for interference on the part of your Grand Commander. Peace, harmony and an intelligent understanding of the duties devolving upon them have prevailed. The laws seem to be fully understood, evidenced by the fact that not one question has been presented for consideration.

The Report on Correspondence is in Sir DeLap's usual style. He tells us that it was prepared under most unfavorable conditions, the result of severe illness.

We extend our congratulations on his recovery and hope he may continue many years to write reports.

Colorado for 1882 is kindly noticed. He notices the absence of Mississippi from our last report. We hope it may hereafter reach us.

MISSOURI—1883.

In commencing his annual address, Grand Commander Terrell says:

Great prosperity prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction; peace is within our walls.

Which accords with the Report of the Committee on Grievances:

Your Committee on Grievances have the honor to report that, in a year of almost unparalleled Templar activity and progress in this jurisdiction, no case of grievance has been presented.

The Report on Correspondence, by Sir Wm. H. Mayo, is different from any we have seen:

We start upon our Sixth Annual Report with some little curiosity as to what will be its fate. We promised in our report of 1881, that we would adopt an entirely different plan for a Report. This we have undertaken now. Our plan is this: Instead of reviewing each State separately, we propose to have our Report divided by the sub-heads named below, and give what is said by Grand Commanders and Correspondents on the particular subjects named, occasionally, possibly, giving our own individual views.

The subjects which seem most to engross the time and attention, speech and pen of Knights Templar talkers and writers, and their rank of importance, in our humble opinion, are the following:

First—TRINITARIANISM.

Second—TACTICS.

Third—GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND TRIENNIAL MEETINGS.

Fourth—HOLY DAYS OR DAYS OF OBSERVANCE.

Fifth—MISCELLANEOUS.

Then follow numerous extracts from various reports on these questions. Sir Knight Harper, of Pennsylvania, is largely quoted.

We do not consider the innovation a startling success.

NEW YORK—1882.

The Grand Commander, in his address, tells us:

There have been during the past year a marked activity and growing prosperity in the Commanderies subordinate to this Grand Body. The acquisitions to the ranks

of our Commanderies are now, as they always have been, from the best men of the nation; and in legislating for and representing such men, we should be actuated by high and noble aspirations, and with the fervent desire to shape the course of the Order, so that it may fulfill its highest mission.

The Report on Correspondence, by Veteran Sir John W. Simons, is full and complete.

Colorado receives kindly notice.

"A Concise History of the Order in New York," by the Grand Recorder, Sir Robert Macoy, is given. It shows an immense amount of labor and research, and must prove invaluable to the Sir Knights of the jurisdiction.

NORTH CAROLINA—1882.

The Grand Commander opens his address as follows:

The present occasion is to us one of peculiar interest. For the first time in the history of North Carolina, Knights Templar congregate in full force as a Grand Commandery. More than a year ago (it is true) some of the faithful met in the city of Wilmington, organized this Grand Body, framed its Constitution and By-Laws, and elected its officers. That was the necessary preliminary step, without which it would be impossible for us to assemble in this capacity to-day. We rejoice now in the full fruition of our long cherished desire, and welcome you cordially, one and all, to this, our first (in fact) Annual Grand Conclave.

He objects to a Committee on "Foreign" Correspondence, and it is called Fraternal Correspondence. We may expect a report next year.

The following report was, as we think, properly adopted:

In considering the subject of Ritual the committee, in response to the suggestions of R. E. Grand Commander, recommend that it be required of Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction to observe fully the ceremonies of opening and closing at every Conclave, without variation or omission.

NEBRASKA—1882.

Of the condition of the Order, the Grand Commander says:

As we assemble in our Eleventh Annual Conclave, it is with mingled feelings of pride and pleasure that I greet you upon the successful close of the first decade of the establishment of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in this young Commonwealth.

Our growth has been gradual but steady, constantly increasing in moral and intellectual strength, with the promise, in the near future, of a period of great usefulness in the community in which we live.

A steel portrait of Sir Eben K. Long is given.
No Report on Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1882.

The Grand Commander reports no decisions. The Conclave was short, and proceedings of local interest only.

The Report on Correspondence, by Sir John J. Bell, is full and complete.

Colorado, 1881, receives notice.

NEW JERSEY—1882.

Sir Frederick G. Wiese, representative of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, was present.

The Grand Master reports a number of decisions, but none of great importance.

The Order seems to be in a prosperous condition.

Sir George B. Edwards makes the Report on Correspondence. He had not received the proceedings of Colorado. We are at a loss to know why.

OHIO—1882.

Our Grand Representative, Sir J. M. Booth, was present.

The Grand Commander has the following to say about the Knight of Malta Ritual, which has since been adopted by the Grand Encampment:

On September 9, 1881, I witnessed for the second time a rendition by Cincinnati Commandery of the revised ritual of the Order of Knights of Malta as compiled by the Committee of the Grand Encampment. It was exemplified in the elegant Cathedral of the Scottish Rite in Cincinnati, with full musical accessories and paraphernalia and the prescribed uniform. As on the occasion of its previous rendition, the attendance of resident Knights and visitors was very large, and the general verdict seemed to be that in dramatic as well as sound Christian, Knightly doctrines, it would prove a most valuable and impressive addition to our system.

A thorough system of visitation was adopted by the Grand Commander, and every Commandery was inspected during the year, and full reports made, showing the condition of each.

Sir E. T. Carson makes the Report on Correspondence in his usual able style.

Under the head of Alabama he reviews and criticises the remarks of Sir Daniel Sayre, made in reviewing California and Colorado on the Trinitarian question and physical qualifications, in a manner that should wake Sir Sayre up; but it is too long to reproduce.

We heartily concur with Sir Carson.

Colorado for 1881 receives notice.

In closing, he reiterates his belief in the Trinity, as follows:

We say belief in the Christian religion, as recognized and taught by the orthodox Christian denominations of the world, includes belief in the dogma of the Holy Trinity.

PENNSYLVANIA—1882.

The Grand Commander in his address says:

Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction occupies a foremost position among her sister organizations, and proposes to continue onward and upward until she reaches the pinnacle of fame, bringing it as near the acme of perfection as it is possible for any human organization to be.

Sir Samuel Harper makes the Report on Correspondence.

Colorado for 1881 is kindly noticed. We cannot do justice to the report by any quotation compatible with our prescribed limits, but will give a closing paragraph:

And now, as we are about to close this report, we look back over what we have written, and ask ourself if we have written to any man's profit. If we have not, then we are as the unfruitful tree, and should be allowed no longer to cumber the ground. We have labored earnestly to obtain the true light, that we might disseminate it to guide our Brethren. We have endeavored to write of the things that are true, and honest, and just, and pure, and lovely, and of good report, and if we have shed but one ray of light upon the darkened path of our Brother, or have sent but one word into his heart to strengthen and encourage him, our labors will be amply rewarded. This Order is undoubtedly one of the moral forces of the world, and destined to do a great work in demolishing the citadels of vice; and if we can succeed in arousing one Sir Knight out of the state of indifference into which he has allowed himself to settle, we will not have labored in vain.

TENNESSEE—1883.

This being the Twenty-first Annual Conclave, the Grand Commander in his address shows pardonable pride in reviewing the growth and prosperity of the Order.

He strongly urges the continuance of what he calls the "peripatetic system" of annual Conclaves, and against permanently locating the Grand Commandery at Nashville.

Should Nashville or any other city be chosen as a permanent place of meeting, I fear our Conclaves would soon lose much of their attraction, and become cold and uninspiring as purely business affairs. Happily, we usually have no great amount of business to transact. The most that the Grand Commandery is called upon to do is to direct, and, by easy and natural means, to perfect the simple machinery of our organization in the State. This business is not of itself sufficient to engage the deep, active and unflinching interest of all the members of the Order. It is the tendency in all societies for the membership to leave the routine work and management exclusively to the few, who, as officers, are charged with the responsibility of such labor, and to give themselves little concern about matters in the conduct of which they have no official function to exercise. In this way a habit of indifference is developed, and officers have frequent and just occasion to complain of a lack of hearty co-operation and proper encouragement on the part of members. The surest means of promoting in its fullest force and fervor the life of a Brotherhood such as ours, is to invest our meetings with a fresh and unflinching interest, and it is only when business is supplemented and enlivened by the social enjoyments which have hitherto characterized our Conclaves that they will be looked to with the most pleasurable anticipation and remembered with unceasing delight.

The Committee to which was referred the address, approved the Grand Commander's views, and the report was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir M. B. Howell, Grand Recorder.

Colorado receives kindly notice.

TEXAS—1883.

The Grand Commander, Sir J. J. Good, died September 18, 1883. The Annual Conclave was presided over by Deputy Grand Commander Elgin.

Under the head of Decisions he reports:

Sir Knight Ashley was anxious to assist a most worthy Companion, who had lost an arm, to receive the Orders, and wished to know if it could possibly be done. I was compelled to refer him to page 186, Code of Statutes, where the law is positive that the loss of a leg or arm by amputation disqualifies a Companion from receiving the Orders of Knighthood, and that I possessed no power to suspend the law.

We wish again to enter our protest against "the law" on this subject.

Sir Wm. T. Hardenbrook makes an excellent Report on Correspondence. Colorado, 1881 and 1882, receives notice.

VERMONT—1883.

The Grand Commander, under the head of "Condition of the Order," tells us:

This year I have seen many signs of more interest and a higher appreciation of our noble institution. The Commanderies have plenty of work, full enough, and of good material.

The following report shows that peace and harmony prevail:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals are very much pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and that no business has been presented for their consideration.

Sir Rev. F. S. Fisher makes the Report on Correspondence. It is full and complete; we cannot do it justice by quotation.

Colorado receives kindly notice.

WEST VIRGINIA—1881, 1882, 1883.

All bound together in one pamphlet. The following from the Grand Master's address explains the delay:

I have of late been frequently asked if we were ever to have any more printed proceedings published. This matter of proceedings has caused me no little anxiety during the past year, and I have had frequent conversations with our Grand Recorder on the subject, who seemed as anxious as myself to have them out before the holding of this Conclave; but for reasons that he can better explain in his report has been unable to do so. I am assured, however, that the three years proceedings, including this Conclave, will be out in a very short time. One of the causes for delay, I believe, was the inability of our chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to get his report ready in time. It is very desirable to have his report published with our proceedings; always an able one that elicits favorable comment from all reporters on correspondence. But as much as this may be desired, I suggest that hereafter, if possible, our proceedings be published yearly and within sixty days after our Annual Conclave, whether we have a report on correspondence or not.

The Grand Recorder further explains:

Beside this there was the financial reason. Our treasury is not large, and the cost of printing would have consumed nearly all of our available funds. Now, however, with the income of the present Annual Conclave, we can defray the expense of printing with much greater ease and without the danger of incurring any debt.

The Order seems to be in a healthy condition, as shown by the returns and reports.

The following from Sir O. S. Long's Report on Correspondence is too true:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence present the following report. In its preparation we have been guided solely by a desire to make for our brethren in West Virginia a synopsis of the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies with whom you are in fraternal correspondence. We do not flatter ourselves with expectation that it will be read in any other Grand Commandery, save by the chairman of the similar committee in that State, who will probably turn to the page upon which his own Grand Commandery is mentioned and, having read that, skim lightly over all the rest. The solemn and humiliating fact is that these reports on Foreign Correspondence, elaborate and learned as many of them are elsewhere, are read and appreciated by a very few of the members for whom they are primarily written, and by not more than two or three of the Knights in other jurisdictions.

In reviewing Colorado he uses the following complimentary language:

All of the Grand Officers were present, and representatives from each of the six chartered Commanderies in this jurisdiction. We mention these statistics of attendance in this and the other Grand Commanderies whose proceedings we have reviewed in this report, because we believe that the attendance at the Grand Conclave is a pretty fair indication of the life and spirit of the Grand Commandery. Where there is a full attendance, as in Colorado, it follows that the Templars in that Grand Jurisdiction are wide awake and are actuated by some of the old Templar zeal.

The following, in his closing, is worthy of attention :

The general outlook of Masonic Knighthood in America suggests some puzzling questions. The membership is steadily increasing and the equipment and paraphernalia of the Asylums is growing, year by year, more costly and complete. But what the future has in store for the organization is very difficult to predict, and we cannot interpret sufficiently the signs of the times to say whether there is in them promise of the perpetuity of the Knights Templar Order as it now exists, or whether, perhaps speedily and in our own day, there will come a reaction and a collapse. There are differences in creed that may yet occasion trouble, and some of the oldest Grand Commanderies seem to be restive under the growing power and assumptions of the Grand Encampment. One thing is plain—the military feature of the Order has gained such ascendancy over the mild and secret and unobtrusive charity of the true Freemasonry that in too many instances the Commanderies are merely military companies—only this and nothing more.

We are of those who believe in the prolonged usefulness and perpetuity of our Order.

WISCONSIN—1883.

Sir Hugh McCurdy visited the Grand Commandery as the representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and made an eloquent address.

The following, from the Grand Commander's address, shows the Order to be in good condition :

Very considerable accessions have been made to the roster of most of our constituent Commanderies, and I believe the utmost care has been used in the selection of material.

This increased prosperity is particularly gratifying in the case of some Commanderies that have been comparatively dormant, giving them an infusion of new blood, which will, I doubt not, tend to permanently revive and stimulate them to increased usefulness.

The Report on Correspondence, by Grand Recorder Woodhull, is very short. He does not review the proceedings of the different Grand Commanderies, but makes some quotations from several different proceedings, principally on three subjects. He commences as follows :

Your Committee on Correspondence at first concluded to follow the stereotyped method of reviewing each State separately, but concluded that more good could be accomplished, and less money expended, by taking up the different subjects under

discussion, and placing the several arguments of Grand Commanders and correspondents before our readers, with our deductions from the same, that all might be able to judge for themselves, and perhaps thereby form more correct opinions.

The several subjects which seem most to attract attention at the present time are:

First—BELIEF IN THE TRINITY.

Second—THE PROPRIETY OF PUBLIC PARADES.

Third—TACTICS AND DRILL.

It does not come up to the usual idea of a Report on Correspondence.

THE TWENTY-SECOND TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE, AT SAN FRANCISCO, AUGUST, 1883.

Our personal recollection of this event may not be very distinct. We do remember various receptions, triumphal arches, and innumerable waving banners; a grand parade preceding the Conclave to attend service at the Pavilion on Sunday; a grand parade and review by the Grand Master the first day of the session; a grand parade and march to Golden Gate Park to lay the cornerstone of the Garfield Monument; numerous excursions by rail and by steamers; sundry invitations, generally accepted, to banquets, breakfasts, dinners and suppers; headquarters of various city and California Commanderies, and others, with sumptuous entertainment; a most hearty and cordial greeting and welcome.

We know that officers of the Grand Encampment were elected for the next three years; and that the next Conclave is to be held in St. Louis.

After some discussion a Ritual of the Order of Knights of Malta was adopted, as reported by Sir Knight Carson. It comprises a long and a short form, the substance being the same in each. Its use was made obligatory on all Commanderies, they having the right to use either the long or short form, as may be convenient or desirable. This we deem an important matter and settles *one* vexed question.

If anything else of importance in the way of needed legislation was accomplished we failed to notice it.

Taken all in all, the Twenty-second Triennial was a grand success, viewed in the light of the usual proceedings of this august body. We cannot do better than

quote and approve the language of Sir John W. Simons, of New York, in opening his Report on Correspondence, and say that he must be a *true prophet*:

It strikes us that, with all deference, the Grand Encampment had better leave these questions to the argument and decision of the State Grand Commanderies, as practically has been the case up to this point, and somehow, without being a prophet or the son of a prophet, we predict that such will be the substantial outcome.

We have advanced too far in the direction of military display and the attractions thereof to change front now and return to the more quiet and subdued ideas of a by-gone generation. The result will work itself out in due course, and the most of us will not be here to measure the extent of our mistake—if any—by what might have come about by a different course.

Personally we have always accepted the dictum of Pope:

“Whatever is, is right.”

and hence believe that, having insensibly fallen into the present way, it is too late for this generation to alter it, and we confidently appeal to the criticisms upon the next triennial as to whether we have rightly gauged the probabilities.

We expect to join the pilgrims, and like the star of empire, westward take our way in August next, and we shall be greatly delighted if, when all the back counties are heard from, there be found a majority in favor of wresting from the entrancing moments of Californian hospitality so much time as may be needed for a calm and dispassionate consideration of the situation, and, we trust, the completion of such legislation as will leave to the State Grand Bodies the direction of their affairs and the government of their own Subordinates, within the lines of the Grand Constitution.

The tendency of these latter years is all in the direction of show, parade, and enjoyment, and however wise the counsels of the thoughtful, the result will be the same; the Grand Encampment will be made a double-leaded display advertisement for the continuation of a royal good time under the most favorable auspices, until the original idea of the organization has been absolutely submerged and the religious-military Order of Knights Templar been transformed into a militia company, with “fuss and feathers” as its principal insignia.

CONCLUSION.

Regarding the questions we touched upon in closing last year, there has been but little change, and nothing new evolved during the past year.

THE TRINITARIAN TEST still creates some discussion.

UNIFORM is discussed by nearly every Grand Commander, but as a general rule no definite action has been taken. The tendency, we think, is toward not very strictly enforcing the requirements now in the statute books, a compliance in general form, without insisting strenuously on details, being sufficient.

TACTICS AND DRILL—This subject has received a great deal of attention. There are almost as many *systems* as jurisdictions, and each is by the jurisdiction that has adopted it, and by its author, considered *the best*. The truth is they are very similar, and are being made more

so year by year, and any one of the leading systems, assiduously followed, will make a Commandery proficient in Tactics and Drill.

There have been no dissensions or discord during the year. Peace and harmony have prevailed. The reports of the proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies show a healthy growth of our Order. No decisions of importance have been made. Our relations with all sister Grand Bodies have been and are of the most cordial and pleasant character.

Courteously submitted,

H. M. ORAHOOD,

For the Committee on Correspondence.

STATISTICS OF TEMPLARS OF THE UNITED STATES, AS SHOWN BY THE REPORTS OF 1882.
[Prepared by Sir N. R. Ruckle, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Indiana.]

| Grand Jurisdictions. | Date of Organization. | Date of Report from which Statistics are taken. | No of Sub-ordinates. | Knights. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Died. | Total Membership. | Dues Received. |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|----------------|
| Alabama | December 1, 1860 | May 17, 1882 | 12 | 23 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 11 | .. | 4 | 222 | \$ 349 06 |
| Arkansas | May 25, 1872 | May 8, 1882 | 5 | 73 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | .. | 4 | 210 | 436 90 |
| California | April 10, 1856 | April 13, 1882 | 19 | 109 | 23 | 10 | 75 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 1,184 | 2,027 00 |
| Colorado | March 14, 1876 | September 22, 1882 | 7 | 70 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 3 | .. | 2 | 294 | 485 00 |
| Connecticut | September 13, 1827 | March 21, 1882 | 11 | 48 | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | 19 | 1,373 | 534 00 |
| Georgia | April 25, 1860 | May 17, 1882 | 8 | 16 | 9 | 2 | 16 | 5 | .. | 7 | 360 | 796 00 |
| Illinois | October 27, 1857 | October 24, 1882 | 54 | 816 | 47 | 21 | 202 | 45 | 9 | 38 | 5,357 | 4,399 00 |
| Indiana | May 16, 1854 | April 25, 1882 | 28 | 135 | 18 | 5 | 52 | 44 | 5 | 20 | 2,006 | 2,021 00 |
| Iowa | June 6, 1864 | May 9, 1882 | 44 | 495 | 34 | 4 | 95 | 21 | 1 | 17 | 2,571 | 2,270 90 |
| Kansas | January 29, 1868 | May 9, 1882 | 20 | 189 | 14 | 1 | 60 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 910 | 453 90 |
| Kentucky | October 5, 1847 | May 3, 1882 | 23 | 102 | 19 | 10 | 27 | 30 | 2 | 13 | 1,413 | 1,324 00 |
| Louisiana | February 4, 1864 | February 17, 1882 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 23 | .. | 8 | 322 | 279 90 |
| Maine | May 5, 1859 | May 3, 1882 | 13 | 87 | 7 | .. | 19 | 8 | .. | 22 | 1,678 | 733 90 |
| Maryland | January 22, 1871 | April 10, 1882 | 7 | 35 | 9 | 2 | 12 | 30 | .. | 9 | 755 | 825 00 |
| Mass. and Rhode Island | May 6, 1865 | October 20, 1882 | 40 | 438 | 29 | 4 | 70 | 29 | 11 | 73 | 6,190 | 2,867 75 |
| Michigan | January 15, 1857 | May 9, 1882 | 33 | 236 | 40 | 14 | 95 | 24 | .. | 24 | 2,886 | 2,445 25 |
| Minnesota | October 23, 1865 | June 24, 1882 | 13 | 101 | 15 | 3 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 912 | 703 00 |
| Mississippi | January 21, 1857 | April 19, 1882 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 5 | .. | 6 | 401 | 422 00 |
| Missouri | May 22, 1850 | May 2 and 3, 1882 | 39 | 249 | 44 | 5 | 82 | 20 | .. | 8 | 1,713 | 2,289 00 |
| Nebraska | December 22, 1871 | April 18, 1882 | 12 | 38 | 5 | .. | 10 | 2 | .. | 4 | 485 | 586 00 |
| New Hampshire | August 23, 1850 | September 26, 1882 | 9 | 52 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 8 | .. | 15 | 1,123 | 665 90 |
| New Jersey | February 14, 1860 | September 11, 1882 | 14 | 85 | 16 | 5 | 14 | 26 | 1 | 8 | 1,122 | 679 00 |
| New York | May 10, 1881 | October 3, 1882 | 54 | 472 | 57 | 62 | 111 | 200 | 7 | 90 | 6,771 | 4,240 90 |
| North Carolina | June 18, 1814 | October 10, 1882 | 14 | 85 | 16 | 5 | 14 | 26 | 1 | 8 | 1,122 | 679 00 |
| Ohio | May 10, 1881 | October 10, 1882 | 5 | 39 | 14 | .. | 13 | .. | 1 | .. | 107 | 185 00 |
| Pennsylvania | October 23, 1843 | October 11, 1882 | 36 | 591 | 35 | 42 | 75 | 43 | 3 | 47 | 4,164 | 3,622 75 |
| Tennessee | April 14, 1854 | May 30, 1882 | 59 | 364 | 54 | 25 | 137 | 110 | 5 | 64 | 6,038 | 3,820 00 |
| Texas | October 12, 1859 | June 14, 1882 | 13 | 43 | 20 | 3 | 49 | 16 | 1 | 8 | 765 | 1,176 00 |
| Vermont | January 12, 1855 | April 19, 1882 | 15 | 60 | 16 | 8 | 27 | 7 | .. | 10 | 718 | 868 00 |
| Virginia | June 17, 1824 | June 13, 1882 | 9 | 48 | 2 | .. | 6 | .. | 1 | 8 | 763 | 392 00 |
| West Virginia | November 27, 1823 | August 10, 1882 | 16 | 13 | 10 | .. | 20 | 14 | .. | 9 | 804 | 418 90 |
| Wisconsin | February 25, 1874 | Estimated | 7 | 178 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 286 | 429 00 |
| Grand Encampment | October 30, 1859 | September 5, 1882 | 16 | 178 | 7 | 5 | 54 | 8 | .. | 14 | 1,388 | 1,607 00 |
| Total | June 23, 1816 | Estimated | 24 | 5,275 | 583 | 240 | 1,385 | 748 | 52 | 583 | 56,920 | \$45,084 40 |

TABLE OF GAINS AND LOSSES IN THE UNITED STATES, 1882.

[Prepared by Sir N. R. Ruckle, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Indiana.]

| STATES. | Members | | Loss. | Gain. |
|--|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1881. | 1882. | | |
| Alabama | 215 | 222 | | 7 |
| Arkansas | 150 | 216 | | 66 |
| California | 1,064 | 1,184 | | 120 |
| Connecticut | 1,345 | 1,373 | | 28 |
| Colorado | 220 | 294 | | 74 |
| Georgia | 360 | 359 | 1 | |
| Iowa | 2,102 | 2,571 | | 469 |
| Illinois | 4,767 | 5,357 | | 590 |
| Indiana | 1,978 | 2,006 | | 28 |
| Kansas | 697 | 910 | | 213 |
| Kentucky | 1,355 | 1,413 | | 58 |
| Louisiana | 352 | 325 | 27 | |
| Maine | 1,633 | 1,678 | | 45 |
| Maryland | 759 | 755 | 4 | |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | 5,900 | 6,150 | | 250 |
| Michigan | 2,716 | 2,886 | | 170 |
| Minnesota | 812 | 912 | | 100 |
| Mississippi | 417 | 401 | 16 | |
| Missouri | 1,490 | 1,713 | | 223 |
| Nebraska | 438 | 485 | | 47 |
| New Hampshire | 1,097 | 1,123 | | 26 |
| New Jersey | 1,078 | 1,142 | | 64 |
| New York | 6,588 | 6,771 | | 183 |
| North Carolina | 68 | 107 | | 39 |
| Ohio | 3,664 | 4,164 | | 500 |
| Pennsylvania | 6,045 | 6,038 | 7 | |
| Tennessee | 751 | 765 | | 14 |
| Texas | 677 | 718 | | 41 |
| Vermont | 728 | 763 | | 35 |
| Virginia | 824 | 804 | 20 | |
| West Virginia | No return. | | | |
| Wisconsin | 1,284 | 1,398 | | 114 |
| Grand Encampment Subordinates | No return. | | | |
| Total | | | 75 | 3,504 |
| Net gain | | | | 3,429 |

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1883.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1—DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

[DISPENSATION JANUARY 13, 1866—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 18, 1868, BY GRAND
ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.]

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

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Cutler, Wm. H.
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Cramer, Fred.
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Flanders, Leonard H.
Felker, William B.
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Gallup, Francis
Graham, David B.
Goddard, R. P.
Graham, John W.
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Howell, Wm. R.
Hartung, Hugo R.
Hard, Frank J.
Johnson, Albert
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Klock, John I.
Kavanagh, R. F.
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Loper, Edward J.
Lambert, Joseph
La Due, T. F.
Long, Robert A.
McDonald, M. A.
McCarty, A. J.
McLellan, Wm. M.
McConnell, J. G.
Milner, Joseph C.

Palmer, Wm. B.
Perkins, Wm. F.
Porter, James H.
Reed, William
Routt, John L.
Rogers, B. W.
Ralney, John D.
Raymond, Chas. A.
Sopris, Richard
Skinner, Daniel T.
Skiff, Fred. J. V.
Schrader, Fred. C.
Shepperd, Sidney A.
Scholtz, Ed. L.
Stimson, Charles
Smedley, Wm.
Tritch, George
Thompson, Geo. W.
Titcomb, John S.
Tuttle, H. B.
Todd, Wm. D.
Tooover, Wm.
Vosburg, J. J.
Wilgus, Thomas B.
Winne, Peter
Wolf, Alfred
Winter, A. T.
Willson, Andrew D.
Willoughby, E. A.
Willson, Wm. J.
Wheeler, Byron A.
Watkins, Leonard A.

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| Duggan, George | Norton, Samuel B. | Walley, John J. |
| Evans, John | Nolds, E. J. | Walsen, Fred. |
| Elbert, Samuel H. | Oswald, D. C. | Younker, Jason T. |
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| Fisher, Cyrus W. | | |

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.—CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

[DISPENSATION NOVEMBER 8, 1866—CHARTERED OCTOBER 28, 1868, BY GRAND
ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.]

[Conclave third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| William Fullerton, E. C. | John Best, Treas. |
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| Edward F. Clinton, C. G. | Caleb J. Martin, Std. B. |
| David C. Collier, Pre. | Richard Harvey, Swd. Br. |
| Thomas H. Potter, S. W. | William R. Rust, War. |
| George W. Mabee, J. W. | Henry H. Stebbins, C. of G. |

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| Jones, Aaron M. | Orahood, Harper M. | Van Deren, Arch'd J. |
| Lechner, George W. | Roberts, Daniel | Watson, Joseph W. |
| Mosley, Richard W. | Sayr, Hal | Wells, Benjamin F. |

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[DISPENSATION AUGUST 17, 1874—CHARTERED DECEMBER 8, 1874, BY GRAND ENCAMP-
MENT OF UNITED STATES.]

[Conclave first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| H. N. Banks, E. C. | M. H. Fitch, Treas. |
| R. F. Lytle, G. | C. E. Newcomer, Rec. |
| H. M. Morse, C. G. | W. W. Strair, Std. B. |
| A. T. Fisher, Pre. | D. H. Van Hovenburgh, Swd. Br. |
| G. H. Hard, S. W. | Chris. Wilson, War. |
| F. H. Shrock, J. W. | J. J. Pochon, C. of G. |

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| Bambridge, Wm. | Haskins, Benj. F. | Root, Geo. H. |
| Bridwell, Wm. T. | Haskins, Chas. F. | Rose, Geo. W. |
| Banks, Henry C. | Johnson, Wm. E. | Smith, J. E. |
| Clough, A. | Kane, W. B. | Stanton, I. W. |
| Crary, B. F. | Keeler, H. B. | Serjeant, Ellis |
| Campbell, Alex. B. | Kling, Frank P. | Thomas, Jno. J. |
| Cassedy, Geo. R. | Morgan, Geo. W. | Thatcher, Henry C. |
| Castle, Ephraim J. | Mark, Milton H. | Tatnall, Geo. H. |
| Chilcott, Geo. M. | Morton, J. G. | Tripp, Christus A. |
| Culver, Wm. E. | McAnulty, R. E. | Thombs, Pembroke R. |
| Collins, J. W. | McMurtrie, J. A. | Townsend, Wood F. |
| DeRemer, J. R. | Nelson, Chas. F. | Usher, Wm. M. |
| Fourell, Wm. H. | Orman, Jas. B. | Veatch, Byron E. |
| Grant, A. A. | Perkins, Geo. W. | Urmy, David F. |
| Gurnsey, S. H. | Pattee, David C. | |

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4—GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

[DISPENSATION JANUARY 24, 1880.—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 24, 1880.]

[Conclaves first Wednesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

John F. Phillips, E. C.
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William E. Barton, Pre.
George H. Barrett, S. W.
Charles H. Jacobson, J. W.

Charles R. Nash, Treas.
Ernest LeNeve Foster, Rec.
Fred. S. Johnson, Std. B.
Henry C. Bates, Swd. Br.
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Forstrand, Peter M.
Glaze, Daniel W.

Hambel, John R.
Lees, James
Love, Joseph A.
Meyers, George
Morrison, Robert S.

Pollard, Charles W.
Pomeroy, Richard A.
Strausser, Franklin
Wade, Charles H.
Ware, William W.

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY No. 5.—LEADVILLE,
LAKE COUNTY.

[DISPENSATION MAY 1, 1880.—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 24, 1880.]

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Albert H. Branch, E. C.
Jos. H. Playter, G.
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William Braden, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

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Boettcher, Charles
Bernard, James J.
Boone, J. B.
Bell, Geo. H.
Costen, Porter J.

Cirode, Wm. Y.
Clark, Wm. M.
Drake, Geo. W.
Dougan, Geo. B.
Ellis, William
Gay, Frank
Gutshall, S. P.
Hyde, Wm. S.
Howell, Cornelius C.

Kelly, Jay G.
Gruber, E. H.
Kneale, Thomas
Mack, Jacob
Maxwell, J. M.
Tlayter, Arthur T.
Tena, Sotero
Wheat, L. B.
Warren, Henry L.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6—COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

[DISPENSATION APRIL 18, 1881—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 28, 1881.]

[Conclaves third Monday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Anson E. Mook, E. C.
Joseph F. Humphrey, G.
Charles E. Edwards, C. G.
Rev. G. T. Le Boutillier, Pre.
James P. Barnes, S. W.
J. A. Heinbaugh, J. W.

L. C. Skinner, Treas.
Oren H. Peck, Rec.
James M. Ellison, Std. B.
George Aux, Swd. Br.
Harry R. Fowler, War.
Edwin J. Eaton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, B. P.
Barton, C. T.
Bletsøe, A. J.
Courter, John
Crawford, R. R.
Crowell, B. F.
Dillon, Chester H.
Dorr, F. E.
Fairley, D. B.
France, Matt
Hafner, Oscar

Howarth, Geo. L.
Howbert, Irving
Kerr, J. H.
Lawton, A. L.
Lee, Charles A.
Low, Emery A.
Lytle, W. H.
Mar-ton, James L.
Martin, F. L.
Matthews, Albert

Merrill, W. H. D.
Pearcy, R. G.
Potter, John
Reynolds, J. E.
Sagendorf, Andrew
Summers, Geo.
Smith, Walt A.
Stout, B. F.
Wanless, John
Wilbur, Matthew C.

MT. SINAI COMMANDERY No. 7—BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

[DISPENSATION DECEMBER 10, 1882—CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 22, 1882]

[Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

James P. Maxwell, E. C.
James A. Smith, G.
Horace O. Dodge, C. G.
Thomas V. Wilson, Pre.
H. P. Walker, S. W.
A. T. Henry, J. W.

Charles Dabney, Treas.
Henry A. Drumm, Rec.
A. F. Safely, Std. B.
Geo. M. McClure, Swd. Br.
Chas. L. Spencer, War.
J. E. Bemus, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bradley, H. N.
Butler, Thomas
Buckley, John A.
Chambers, John S.
Cheney, Lewis
Chase, George F.
Develline, J. W. (Honorary)
Downer, Sylvester S.
Dickson, L. H.
Davis, John
Danford, Thomas
Ellingham, John
Eurgens, A.
Gibbs, W. J.

Glessner, Chas. E.
Hubbell, R. M.
Hutchinson, D. J.
Hathaway, Mark
Johnston, William J.
Kohler, Fred W.
Kempton, James
Lea, A. E.
Metcalf, Eli P.
Macky, Andrew J.
Netkirk, George M.
Phillippi, Fred
Rowen, William F.
Rogers, Platt

Smith, J. Alden
Stevens, James
Simpson, John H.
Spangler, George W.
Secor, W. W.
Sawyer, A. M.
Streamer, Frank M.
Titcomb, Hiram R.
Whiteley, Richard H.
Webb, Charles O.
Wellman, Sylvanus
Wilder, Eugene
Wimer, John A.
Washburn, Hiram E.

GUNNISON COMMANDERY U. D.—GUNNISON, GUNNISON COUNTY.

Dispensation May 28, 1883, to

A. J. Bean, E. C.
John J. Thomas, G.
A. K. Chamblin, C. G.

and ten others.

Chartered September 21, 1883, as Gunnison Commandery No. 8.

with—

Adoniram Judson Bean, E. C.
John J. Thomas, G.
Otis Putnam Abercrombie, C. G.

and—

Jennings, Nathaniel
Chamblin, Albert Kirkbride
Bragg, Herman
Root, Frank Albert
Jones, Harvey J.
Gibson, John
Moses, George Nelson
Dalley, John F.
Morgan, Charles Hewitt

Olney, Henry C.
Burton, Edward W.
Wadsworth, William Henry
Davis, Orson Clark
Oliver, Stephen Fellows
Brown, Thomas Charles
Duval, John Colvin
Cook, Thomas Huskinson
Shores, Cyrus Wells

Waller, Marion Sumter
Maloney, Thos. Jeffers'n
Blebel, Charles
Sweeney, John
Fine, William Junkin
Steele, Frank D.
Snyder, William
Climes, James Hilton
Williams, Henry

APPENDIX.

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DEMITTED

| | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Reynolds, J. E. | 1 | September 23, 1881. |
| Allen, Samuel M. | 1 | July 17, 1883. |
| Dieterichs, W. T. | 1 | January 2, 1883. |
| Brown, Albert | 1 | March 20, 1883. |
| Maxwell, James P. | 1 | September 22, 1882. |
| Henry, A. T. | 1 | September 22, 1882. |
| Butler, Hugh | 2 | October 19, 1882. |
| Joblin, William J. | 2 | April 10, 1883. |
| Smith, J. Alden | 2 | September 22, 1882. |
| Patterson, Melville C. | 4 | December 6, 1882. |
| Rigsby, David T. | 4 | March 7, 1883. |
| Caley, Franklin T. | 5 | June 6, 1883. |
| DeMattos, J. P. | 5 | May 2, 1883. |
| McDowall, Samuel | 5 | May 2, 1883. |
| Mackay, Thos. J. | 5 | December 20, 1882. |
| Hale, Frank W. | 6 | February 19, 1883. |
| Alexander, Walter | 6 | February 19, 1883. |

REINSTATED.

| | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Vosburg, J. J. | 1 | December 5, 1882. |
| Corning, George C. | 1 | December 5, 1882. |
| Joblin, William J. | 2 | April 9, 1883. |

DIED.

| | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Moore, William | 3 | April 23, 1883. |
| Bickford, A. L. | 6 | January 10, 1883. |
| Ozman, M. A. | 6 | August 12, 1883. |

SUSPENDED.

| | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Christian, W. A. | 1 | October 3, 1882. |
| Otis, O. G. | 1 | October 3, 1882. |
| Griffin, Fred F. | 1 | July 17, 1883. |

SUMMARY.

| COMMANDERY. | POST-OFFICE. | Number. | Created. | Admitted. | Reinstated. | Died. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Members. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Colorado | Denver | 1 | 22 | 9 | 2 | .. | 6 | 3 | 130 |
| Central City | Central City | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 27 |
| Pueblo | Pueblo | 3 | 25 | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 62 |
| Georgetown | Georgetown | 4 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 27 |
| Mt. of the Holy Cross. | Leadville | 5 | 11 | 3 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 39 |
| Pike's Peak | Colo. Springs | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | 43 |
| Mount Sinai | Boulder | 7 | 21 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 53 |
| Gunnison | Gunnison | U D | 16 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 29 |
| Total | .. | .. | 101 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 3 | 410 |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| FROM | | TO |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wm. Fullerton, Black Hawk | Alabama | Daniel Smith, Mobile |
| David J. Cook, Denver | Arkansas | Samuel L. Griffith, Little Rock |
| Harper M. Oranhood, Denver | California | Henry Sayre Orme, Los Angeles |
| Michael Spangler, Denver | Connecticut | Joseph F. Woodwards, New London |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Georgia | John S. Eells, Savannah |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Illinois | Norman T. Brewster, Chicago |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Indiana | Salathiel T. Williams, Kendallville |
| Porter J. Coston, Buena Vista | Iowa | John C. Schrader, Iowa City |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Kansas | Owen A. Bassett, Lawrence |
| William N. Byers, Denver | Kentucky | Albert H. Gardner, Louisville |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Louisiana | Michael E. Girard, Opelousas |
| Oliver A. Whittemore, Denver | Maine | George M. Howe, Portland |
| David C. Collier, Central | Maryland | Christian K. Kleibacker, Baltimore |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | Massachusetts and Rhode Island | Henry A. Perce, Pawtucket, R. I. |
| Eli M. Ashley, Denver | Michigan | Hugh McCurdy, Cornuda |
| Robert K. Pierson, Denver | Mississippi | Frederick Speed, Vicksburg |
| Peter Winne, Denver | Missouri | William F. Mullen, St. Louis |
| William N. Byers, Denver | Nebraska | Daniel H. Wheeler, Plattsburgh |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | New Hampshire | Joseph W. Silbrecth, Concord |
| William D. Todd, Denver | New Jersey | Frederick G. Weise, Bordentown |
| Harper M. Oranhood, Denver | New York | W. Lincoln Sage, Rochester |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | North Carolina | W. R. Cox, Raleigh |
| Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown | Ohio | Joshua M. Booth, Cleveland |
| John R. Hambel, Georgetown | Pennsylvania | James D. Eggle, Harrisburg |
| | Tennessee | James D. Richardson, Murfreesboro |
| | Vermont | Theodore M. Chapman, Middlebury |
| | West Virginia | Charles F. Scott, Parkersburg |

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Commandery March 14, 1876.

| DATE. | GRAND COMMANDER. | DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER. | GRAND GENERALissimo. | GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL. | GRAND PRELATE. | GRAND TREASURER. | GRAND RECORDER. |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1876, Mar. | Henry M. Teller. | Webster D. Anthony | Irving W. Stanton. | Jas. M. Strickler. | *P. Voorheis Finch | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1877, Mar. | Webster D. Anthony | Irving W. Stanton. | Harper M. Oranhood. | Jas. M. Strickler. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1878, Sept. | Irving W. Stanton. | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1879, Sept. | Harper M. Oranhood. | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1880, Sept. | James M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | William Fullerton. | *Thos. J. Mackay. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1881, Sept. | Michael Spangler. | Michael H. Fitch. | William Fullerton. | Porter J. Coston. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1882, Sept. | Michael H. Fitch. | William Fullerton. | Roger W. Woodbury | Porter J. Coston. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1883, Sept. | Roger W. Woodbury | James P. Maxwell. | Horace N. Banks. | George C. Roberts. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |

*Dimitted.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

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| Alabama | Daniel Sayre | Montgomery. |
| Arkansas | James A. Henry | Little Rock. |
| California | Thomas H. Caswell | San Francisco. |
| Canada | Daniel Spry | Barrie, Ont. |
| Colorado | Ed. C. Parmelee | Georgetown. |
| Connecticut | Jos. K. Wheeler | Hartford. |
| Georgia | Samuel P. Hamilton | Savannah. |
| Illinois | Gil. W. Barnard | Chicago. |
| Indiana | John M. Bramwell | Indianapolis. |
| Iowa | | |
| Kansas | John H. Brown | Wyandotte |
| Kentucky | L. D. Croninger | Covington. |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans. |
| Maine | Ira Berry | Portland. |
| Maryland | Charles T. Sisco | Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | A. F. Chapman | Boston. |
| Michigan | Wm. P. Innis | Grand Rapids. |
| Minnesota | A. T. C. Pierson | St. Paul. |
| Mississippi | J. L. Power | Jackson. |
| Missouri | William H. Mayo | St. Louis. |
| Nebraska | Wm. R. Bowen | Omaha. |
| New Hampshire | George P. Cleaves | Concord. |
| New Jersey | Chas. Buchtel | Trenton. |
| New York | Robert Macoy | New York. |
| North Carolina | James C. Munds | Wilmington. |
| Ohio | James Nesbit | Troy. |
| Pennsylvania | Charles E. Meyer | Philadelphia. |
| Tennessee | Morton B. Howell | Nashville. |
| Texas | Robert Brewster | Houston. |
| Vermont | William C. Bradbury | Vergennes. |
| Virginia | William B. Isaacs | Richmond. |
| West Virginia | George F. Irvine | Wheeling. |
| Wisconsin | W. C. Swain | Milwaukee. |
| United States | Theodore S. Parvin | Iowa City, Iowa. |

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manderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in section 1, article II., of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at the City of Denver on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five (75) dollars; *Provided, however,* That this shall not apply to petitions heretofore received by any Commandery under this Grand Commandery.

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For Dispensation, ninety dollars (\$90); and for Charter, the further sum of ten dollars (\$10).

SEC. 3. Each Subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of one dollar annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every Subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns, a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each annual conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular annual conclave.

SEC. 5. The Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery shall be entitled to the sum of five dollars (\$5) for each dispensation granted, and the further sum of five dollars (\$5) for each charter when issued.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees of three Sir Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year, and report at the next annual conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
GRAND COMMANDERY



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF COLORADO.

DENVER, COLORADO, 1884.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.



AT ITS
NINTH CONCLAVE,
HELD AT DENVER,
SEPTEMBER 19, A. D. 1884, A. O. 766.

—♦—
DENVER, COLO.:
The Times Printing Company.
1884.

GRAND COMMANDERY

OF COLORADO.

NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

1884.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in annual conclave at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery No. 1, in Denver, Friday, September 19th, A. D. 1884, A. O. 766, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The following Sir Knights were present :

OFFICERS.

ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.....G. Commander.
JAMES P. MAXWELL, Boulder.....D. G. Commander.
HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo.....G. Generalissimo.
MICHAEL SPANGLER, Denveras G. Capt. General.
NORMAN P. RICHARDS.....as G. Prelate.
CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Georgetown.....G. S. Warden.
ALBERT H. BRANCH, Leadville.....G. J. Warden.
WILLIAM D. TODD, DenverG. Treasurer.
ED. C. PARMELEE, GeorgetownG. Recorder.
ANDREW SAGENDORF, Colorado Springs.....G. Standard Bearer.
RICHARD HARVEY, Central CityG. Sword Bearer.
ADONIRAM J. BEAN, Gunnison.....G. Warder.
THOMAS LINTON, DenverG. C. of Guard.

PERMANENT MEMBEKS.

WEBSTER D. ANTHONYP. G. C.
HARPER M. ORAHOOD.....P. G. C.
JAMES M. STRICKLER.....P. G. C.
MICHAEL SPANGLERP. G. C.
WM. FULLERTON.....P. D. G. C.

And Representatives from seven Commanderies, (all but Pike's Peak No. 6.)

The Grand Commandery was opened in KNIGHTLY FORM.

CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and Grand Warder were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who after a time presented their report, which showed the following Sir Knights present:

Grand Officers and Permanent Members as before given.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| ALABAMA..... | WM. FULLERTON. |
| CALIFORNIA | HARPER M. ORAHOOD. |
| CONNECTICUT | MICHAEL SPANGLER. |
| LOUISIANA | ROGER W. WOODBURY. |
| MARYLAND | ROGER W. WOODBURY. |
| MISSOURI | J. M. STRICKLER. |
| NORTH CAROLINA | ROGER W. WOODBURY. |
| OHIO | WD. D. TODD. |
| PENNSYLVANIA..... | HARPER M. ORAHOOD. |
| TENNESSEE..... | J. M. STRICKLER. |
| VERMONT | ED. C. PARMELEE. |

COMMANDERY REPRESENTATIVES.

NOTE.—Those present in *Italics*.

| NAME OF COMMANDERY. | E. C., G., C. G. | PROXIES. |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Colorado No. 1 | Geo. C. Roberts..... | |
| “ “ | <i>Aaron Gove</i> | |
| “ “ | <i>Sidney A. Shepperd</i> | |
| Central City No. 2..... | <i>Wm. Fullerton</i> | |
| “ “ | Newton D. Owen..... | <i>John Best.</i> |
| “ “ | Edward F. Clinton..... | <i>Geo. W. Mabee.</i> |
| Pueblo No. 3..... | H. M. Morse | <i>Horace N. Banks.</i> |
| “ “ | <i>Edmund J. Cottle</i> | |
| “ “ | A. T. Fisher..... | <i>James H. Peabody</i> |
| Georgetown No. 4..... | <i>Thomas Cornish</i> | |
| “ “ | <i>Robert S. Morrison</i> | |
| “ “ | <i>Frank Strausser</i> | |
| Mt. of the Holy Cross No. 5 .. | <i>Albert H. Branch</i> | |
| “ “ “ | <i>Joseph H. Playter</i> | |
| “ “ “ | Wm. N. Burdick..... | <i>George R. Smith.</i> |
| Mount Sinai No. 7..... | <i>James P. Maxwell</i> | |
| “ “ | James A. Smith | <i>Albert T. Henry.</i> |
| “ “ | Horace O. Dodge..... | <i>D. J. Hutchinson.</i> |
| Gunnison No. 8 | <i>A. J. Bean</i> | |
| “ “ | <i>John J. Thomas</i> | |
| “ “ | <i>Otis P. Abercrombie</i> | |

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees :

ON FINANCE.

WM. FULLERTON,
JOHN J. THOMAS,
SIDNEY A. SHEPPERD.

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

ALBERT H. BRANCH,
CHAS. H. JACOBSON,
ALBERT T. HENRY.

ON PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,
WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,
AARON GOVE.

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

EDMUND J. CASTLE,
THOMAS CORNISH,
JOHN BEST.

The Grand Commander delivered the following

ADDRESS.

The Ninth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery assembles under at least as favorable auspices as any of its predecessors. It is still small in membership, but it comprises a fair proportion of the energy and wisdom and thought of our beloved Order, and of the State which has been adopted as our home. We are rejoiced to note its steady increase in membership, and to renew here once again those friendships of Knighthood which expand with each succeeding year. As we grow grayer we cherish these gatherings and these friendships more and more. They become hallowed by Time and Memory, and I believe leave us better men, with greater forbearance, finer judgment, kinder hearts, warmer affections and a higher development of all the Christian virtues. If any Sir Knight ever departed from our annual conclaves with greater poverty of mind and heart than when he entered, it has been too well concealed to be visible to his associates.

Our conclaves are brief and far apart, yet they exercise a perceptible influence, which, though impossible to measure, permeates every nook and corner of public society, and gives it a greater measure of purity. The public may or may not appreciate this. We may not fully appreciate it ourselves: yet a bird's-eye view of the general character and the daily lives of those constituting the Order will prove the statement to possess a reasonable foundation.

We have hardly the right to expect twelve months to pass without being called upon to mourn the loss of some of our members by death. The last year we have been bereft of three only, but all occupying positions of more than average notice in the public eye, though their Knightly service

includes only service in the ranks. Henry C. Thatcher, late Chief Justice of Colorado, a member of Pueblo Commandery No. 3, died, after a brief illness, while on a visit to San Francisco, on the 22d of March last. M. A. McDonald, a member of the Denver bar and of Colorado Commandery No. 1 met with a violent death on the railroad on the 25th of April. A. G. Boone, a grandson of the pioneer of Kentucky, Daniel Boone, and himself a pioneer of the western plains when most of us were children or unborn, a member of Colorado Commandery No. 1, died of old age on the 14th of July. While we mourn the loss of these respected fraters, and sincerely cherish the many virtues by the practice of which they were enabled to command the esteem of men, we have reason to feel grateful that in our total membership a merciful Father has asked us for but three. It is for us to remember that we know not when our companions may be called upon to perform the last sad earthly duty for us. It is our business to be ready on demand.

From the abstract of returns furnished me by our Grand Recorder, I learn that our membership during the year has had a remarkable increase—from 406 to 548—a gain of 142, or 35 per cent.

My official duties have been pleasurable, and the labor cheerfully performed. I do not well comprehend how it could be otherwise to one that appreciates the honor of an election to so high an office, and for which thanks fall to tell the story.

Dispensations for new Commanderies have been issued by me, as follows:

November 12, 1883, to fourteen Sir Knights at Canon City, Fremont County, recommended by Pueblo Commandery No. 3, with Sirs James H. Peabody as Eminent Commander, W. T. Bridwell as Generalissimo, and Edwin C. Gray as Captain-General, under the name of Canon City Commandery U. D.

January 26, 1884, to the Sir Knights at Greeley, Weld County, recommended by Mt. Sinal Commandery No. 7, with Sirs M. C. Edmunds as Eminent Commander, Lafayette Reynolds as Generalissimo and M. J. Hogarty as Captain-General, by the name of Greeley Commandery U. D.

June 2, 1884, to the Sir Knights at Longmont, Boulder County, on recommendation of Mt. Sinal Commandery No. 7, with Sirs George E. Wyman as Eminent Commander, Lewis H. Dickson as Generalissimo and Thomas Butler as Captain-General, by the name of Long's Peak Commandery U. D.

My correspondence, in the nature of advice and instructions to Sir Knights engaged in the starting of new Commanderies, has been somewhat extensive, though not at all annoying or burdensome; and I report some of the features, which may appear trivial to you, for the instruction of such as are not so well informed and may desire to inaugurate new Commanderies hereafter.

Sir Knights engaged in the inauguration of new Commanderies should first of all obtain from the Grand Recorder a copy of the last proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and a copy of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Affiliated Sir Knights should not apply for dimits in order to sign a petition for dispensation.

Sir Knights already possessing dimits should forward them with the petition.

Applications should show from whence the applicants hail.

A recommendation of a petition, though of a general character and not specific according to formula, should be understood as covering all points that are essential for the Grand Commander to know.

All papers essential for a dispensation become part of the permanent records of the Grand Recorder's office, and mutilated papers therefore cannot be accepted.

Promises to forward essential papers at some future period after the issuance of dispensation are useless. The papers must be supplied in advance.

Labored assertions to the Grand Commander that applications are correct and ought to be satisfactory, should be avoided as superfluous and bordering on impertinence.

Petitions must be endorsed by the nearest Commandery, and not necessarily by the most convenient.

The officers of a Commandery under dispensation cannot be installed, but, on receipt of their authority, assemble the Sir Knights, read the same, open a Commandery and proceed to work.

The Grand Commander cannot take five or six Sir Knights to visit a neighboring town, there open a Commandery and make enough Knights to apply for a dispensation; and no Grand Commander would do so if he could.

I visited the Pacific coast in the early part of the year, and before my departure I had considerable correspondence with Sir Knights at Durango, and reported all the facts to Deputy Grand Commander Maxwell for his action. I considered a dispensation to Durango as almost a necessity, there being no Commandery in this jurisdiction within one hundred miles in an air line, and a much longer distance by any route of travel. I thought the Sir Knights well prepared to assume the responsibilities of a Commandery, and I especially desired one on our southern border as a nucleus for the work that section should be doing. I think the establishment of Ivanhoe Commandery will prove of great advantage to the remote South, and possibly awaken sleepy Templars in northern New Mexico.

The application from Longmont occasioned me no little perplexity. I held the matter under advisement for several weeks, to ascertain what effect a dispensation might have upon neighboring Commanderies. Mount Sinai, less than a score of miles distant, had grown in its brief existence to sixty-four members, of which Longmont had furnished but nine, and I finally concluded that no serious damage would ensue to Mount Sinai by the granting of the request. I was considerably influenced by the spirit which animates and controls the Masons of Longmont, under the leadership of brethren who have accomplished much for the fraternity and have placed it upon a high pinnacle in public estimation. They have erected and own a beautiful Masonic temple, and are personally strong men—Masonically and publicly. They did not embark upon the enterprise without fully understanding the responsibilities they would assume. The Masonic zeal exhibited there for several years won a dispensation which would not have been issued in the absence of that feature.

Greeley, like Longmont, is the center of a thrifty and rapidly-growing farming community, and if the Templar trusts have been committed to the right hands—if they are controlled by a reasonable degree of tact and wisdom, a Commandery there will succeed. The financial condition of these new Commanderies is good—particularly of Ivanhoe and Canon City. Long's Peak and Greeley are substantially free from debt, and on this point I submit letters from their eminent Commanders in response to inquiries from me.

An informal application for a dispensation in another city was declined in advance, which saved useless labor in preparing a formal application.

The only dispensation issued by me during the year, other than for new Commanderies, were for escort to the Grand Lodge, or for attending divine services outside the Asylum. Authority was given Mount Sinai No. 7 to escort the Grand Lodge at the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic temple at Longmont, and again at its dedication. Permission to attend divine service outside the Asylum has been granted twice to Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery, and also to Ivanhoe and Canon City Commanderies, under dispensation. It has been a pleasure to respond to these requests, as well as to know that other Commanderies have held interesting religious services at their own Asylums. Upon such an occasion at Denver, at the request of the Eminent Commander, I had the honor to preside.

An informal application to parade on Decoration Day received no encouragement from me, and the request was not formally made.

My cash account for the year has been the receipt of ninety dollars each for dispensations for Commanderies at Canon, Greeley and Longmont—making a total of two hundred and seventy dollars, which was turned over to the Grand Recorder upon its acceptance by me. By our code of statutes the Grand Recorder is entitled to a fee of five dollars for each dispensation granted, and each charter issued. The law does not specify who shall pay these fees. They were established at the origin of the Grand Commandery, and my recollection is that the Commanderies receiving the dispensations or charters were intended to pay them, so as to give the Grand Recorder a little better remuneration than the Grand Commandery in its infancy felt able to pay by regular appropriation. The Grand Recorder, however, waived his claim to the fees, and requested me not to collect them, which request was complied with.

I have been requested to recommend the names of suitable Sir Knights of this jurisdiction for appointment as Grand Representatives of other Grand Commanderies, and have recommended the names of former representatives except in case of ineligibility. The recommendations included the names of Past Grand Commander I. W. Stanton for Iowa; Eminent Sir A. J. Bean for Tennessee; Past Grand Commander Michael Spangler for Connecticut; Eminent Sir Ed. C. Parmelee for Vermont; Past Grand Commander Henry M. Teller for Illinois; and Sir Ernest Le Neve Foster for New Hampshire.

Our Grand Representative in New York, Sir W. Lincoln Sage, having removed from that jurisdiction, tendered his resignation, which I accepted, and on recommendation of the R. E. Grand Commander of New York, I appointed E. Sir Perry Stowell of Genesee Commandery No. 10, of Lockport. Also, on the recommendation of the R. E. Grand Commander of Vermont, I appointed Sir Kittredge Hoskins, of Brattleboro, Grand Representative near that Grand Commandery. Many of the Grand Commanderies now terminate the service of Grand Representatives with the Annual Conclave succeeding the Grand Encampment, and some prohibit the appointment of any Sir Knight who is already acting in such capacity for any other Grand Commandery. There being no work for these officers to perform, there appears to be no objection to stringent regulations concerning them.

The only questions I have been called on to determine during the year, and which are deemed necessary to report, are as follows:

Question.—"Have any the right to vote on petitions in a Commandery under dispensation beside the three principal officers?" *Answer.*—"All signers to the application for dispensation and all knighted in that Commandery."

Question.—"Can the three principal officers of a Commandery under dispensation, as such, form and open a Commandery for the transaction of

business as three Sir Knights hailing from three different Commanderies under the sanction of a warrant from some Grand Commandery—the object being to save time in balloting upon candidates and not call all the signers together?" *Answer.*—"No."

Question.—"Can a non-affiliate in Lodge and Chapter receive the orders in Colorado?" *Answer in full.*—"The code of statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States declares it unnecessary for an applicant for the orders to be a member of Lodge or Chapter; yet another section declares that expulsion or suspension from his Masonic rights by Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery and of all intercourse with the Order. The Grand Lodge of Colorado has a law that all non-affiliates not making application for membership within twelve months shall be deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry. A Grand Master's ruling on this has been approved by Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge, that the penalty for non-affiliation can be inflicted only after charges and trial. There is, therefore, no law to prevent the orders being conferred on a non-affiliated Master and Royal Arch Mason. Yet, if such person has been a non-affiliated Master for twelve months, he is every day living in opposition to a Grand Lodge law, for which he is liable at any moment to be placed under charges and convicted; in which event he would be deprived of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. Therefore, while the non-affiliate is eligible for the orders if not deprived of his Masonic rights, it is certainly not prudent to confer them upon him during existing Grand Lodge laws."

The foregoing constitutes a record of my official acts, except that shortly after your last Annual Conclave I visited Gunnison Commandery No. 8, and installed its officers in public, in the Asylum, upon which occasion I was the recipient of agreeable courtesies from the Sir Knights of Gunnison.

I am of the impression that the fact of this Grand Commandery having adopted a system of Templar military tactics for the use of Subordinate Commanderies, is not generally known, at least, by those Commanderies established since the organization of this Grand Commandery. I, therefore, call attention to the fact that seven years ago Garfield's tactics were adopted and have remained to the present time the only system authorized by this Grand Body. I recommend further consideration of the subject at this Annual Conclave. I suggest the propriety of the Grand Recorder compiling such orders as may have been sanctioned by this body, and not appearing in our code of statutes, and printing the same in the proceedings as standing orders of this Grand Commandery.

At the session of the Grand Encampment last year a revised ritual of the Order of Malta was adopted, in two forms, leaving each Grand Commandery to decide which form to use, but declaring that no Knight of Malta shall be created unless received according to one or the other of these forms. It was also ordered that copies be printed and distributed to Eminent Commanders through the Grand Commanders. I have patiently waited a year for a copy of this ritual, but have received none. I infer, therefore, that there is neither expectation or great desire on the part of those having the matter in charge that the ritual will come into general use. In correspondence with a prominent officer of the Grand Encampment, he says he knows of but four of the thirty-four Grand, and six of the six hundred Subordinate Commanderies, that pretend to use the new ritual. I am aware that there is a very wide-spread disposition among the Grand Commanderies to ignore the orders of the Grand Encampment, but I have no sympathy with that disposition, so long as we claim allegiance in any degree to that Body. Its

statutes have demanded no self-denial from us, as individual Sir Knights, nor have they taken from us any legislative rights that I am aware of. It may not have been so effective as it might have been, and there may be reasons for disaffection of which I know nothing; but I think the Grand Commanderies which compose it should either give it a hearty support or strangle it altogether. I cannot understand how a Grand Commandery can admit allegiance to the Grand Encampment, but ignore the Grand Encampment's orders, and yet demand and expect obedience from its own subordinates. It is generally as necessary to know how to obey as to command. With these sentiments I should recommend action by your Body at this Annual Conclave upon the Malta ritual had I a copy to submit, but as I have none, I can suggest nothing. Possibly the books may be received in time for a decision before the next Triennial.

In May last a convention of Knights Templar was held at Sioux Falls, Dakota, and the Grand Commandery of Dakota was there organized, under authority of a warrant issued by the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. I recommend that, in conformity with custom, and to express our pleasure as well, this Grand Commandery formally extend recognition to this latest American Grand Commandery.

Section 1 of Article VI., of our code of statutes, fixes the minimum fee for the Orders at seventy-five dollars, adding the following words: "Provided, however, that this shall not apply to petitions heretofore received by any Commandery under this Grand Commandery." The period having long since passed for which this provision was inserted, I recommend that the section be perfected by striking out all after the word "dollars" in the fourth line.

I have no other special recommendations to present for your consideration. I think we have been fortunate in not legislating too much—a precaution which bodies like this are often likely to neglect. Wholesome statutes, seldom amended, should be followed by familiarity, which, in turn, should prevent disobedience or neglect through ignorance.

The work expected of Templars does not depend on prolific statutes. It does not depend on what we do or say in the ten hours per year which find us assembled in Grand Conclave. Our work is performed, and reputations made, as Templars, during the other 364 days, when we are pursuing our daily toil, and when we are in the company of strangers. Who does not look back with pride to the daily work of the early Templars? Their records have come down through nearly 800 years to thrill and encourage us in the cares and dangers and unselfish duties of life. The Templar of to-day, though as far removed from those of the earliest age in character as in years, has equally as important a work to do, and I am proud to say that I believe he does it as well.

Dr. Mackey relates that the piety or the superstition of the age had induced multitudes of pilgrims in the eleventh and twelfth centuries to visit Jerusalem to offer their devotions at the sepulchre of our Lord and the other holy places in that city. Many of these religious wanderers were weak or aged; nearly all of them were unarmed, and thousands of them were subjected to insult and pillage and often death, inflicted by the horde of Arabs, who, even after the capture of Jerusalem by the Christians, continued to infest the sea coast of Palestine and the roads to the Capital. To protect these pious pilgrims, thus exposed to plunder and bodily outrage, nine French knights united in 1118 in a military confraternity or brotherhood-in-arms, and entered into a solemn compact to aid each other in clearing the roads and defending pilgrims to the Holy City. This was the nucleus of the vast body which subsequently exercised so great an influence throughout Europe.

They adopted as a seal a representation of two knights riding upon one horse, as an emblem of their poverty; and they accepted coarse diet, rough habit and severe duties, with clear consciences. They were sworn to poverty and celibacy, probably so that no lust for wealth nor endearing ties should turn them from their chosen duty of protecting pilgrims to the sepulchre, and of rescuing it and Jerusalem from the hands of the infidel. Their arms were their only finery, and they used them with courage—neither dreading the number nor the strength of their foes. At their reception each Templar swore never to turn his back on three enemies, but, should he be alone, to fight them, if they were infidels. It was their wont to say that a Templar should either vanquish or die, since he had nothing to offer for his ransom except his knife and his girdle.

And so hundreds and thousands of them gallantly died, and their bones bleached for years upon the green grass and sandy plains, and under the smiling sun of the cradle of mankind. These were the men and the deeds which, 800 years ago, laid the foundation for the Order we represent to-day; but, although his lance and axe have been laid aside for the light rapier,—and he is now garnished with silver and velvet,—and his hands are clad in silken coverings,—and the breeze rustles rich and gaudy plumes upon his head,—and he gathers at the delicate banquet, as if coarser food was unknown to him—yet, I undertake to say, and I do it with the fullest conviction of its truth, that were a great national occasion to arise, when it again became necessary to defend innocent maidens, or desolate widows, or helpless orphans, or the Christian religion, he would wield his sword with the same matchless valor as did those gallant knights of former ages, and whose deeds shed such undying lustre upon the name of Knight Templar.

Men do not often make profession of such chivalric warfare to-day, because the world being older, civilization has become more extended, and the occasions for such display more rare; but there are many Knights around this Asylum this morning who, twenty years ago, bravely illustrated the truth of the claim I make for the Templars of the nineteenth century. They, too, put up with coarse diet, and rough habit, and severe duties; and, instead of two of them riding upon one horse, they went on foot. The early Templar was clad in armor, before the days of gunpowder, and his only real danger was when he came into close quarters with his antagonist; but the Templar of modern times, when he goes to war, well knows that he is as likely to be picked off while munching his hard tack and sipping his coffee, by the stray bullet of the hidden enemy, a half-mile away, as when he is himself actively engaged in sending his leaden messenger of death into the bosom of a distant foe. His chances of death are a thousand fold greater than were those of his ancient and illustrious ancestor-in-arms. Like the latter, he quits his fireside home and adopts the profession of danger and death voluntarily. Like him he is actuated by the noblest motives which govern the human heart; and, like him, his bones frequently form the only monument which tells of his brave deeds. Unlike him, however, he is not sworn to celibacy, and so he leaves behind him a desolate hearth and broken hearts. And then again, like him, even his name is soon lost, and of the fifteen hundred millions of people upon this globe of ours soon none live who ever heard of his existence.

Yes, Sir Knights, it takes a braver, and a nobler, and a more unselfish man to be a Templar soldier to-day than it did 800 years ago; though God forbid that I should detract one iota from the honor justly due to any human being. But this is a good world of ours, on the whole, and it is not travelling backward. Its women are as noble, and true, and virtuous, and its men are as brave, and chivalric, and valorous as any who have ever enrolled their

names on the record of time, and which have come down to us burnished with the sunset hues of their departed days. The Templar which we know is made from the American citizen,—and whether he live North, or South, or East, or West, the American citizen is at least the peer of any man that ever lived.

IOWA CITY, IOWA, August 26, 1884.

R. W. Woodbury, Gr. Com., Denver, Colorado:

DEAR SIR KNIGHT: Yours of 22d at hand. I cannot tell you whether you are likely to receive any copies of the Ritual of Malta within the next month, for the reason that the Grand Recorder has nothing to do in the matter, except to distribute the copies when furnished him for that purpose, and none have been so furnished by the dilatory committee having it in charge. You may get them "within the next month," or within the next year,—I cannot say. It depends wholly upon others, over whom I have no control and no connection, thank God, though I have to bear the sins of their (committee's) omission.

I fear, however, my good friend, you are extra loyal.

I do not know of more than four of the thirty-four Grand, or six of the six hundred Subordinate Commanderies, that pretend to use either the long or short form, and, so far as I can learn, all, like Iowa, use the old ritual, and we have neither the fear of God or man before our eyes for so doing. I am neither the Gr. Com. or an Em. Com., so my head is safe from evil doers.

I regret, while not responsible, for this state of things, which has served to produce such an indifference on the part of the constituent Grand Commanderies for the legislation of the Em. Encampment.

Truly,

T. S. PARVIN.

DURANGO, COLO., August 30, 1884.

R. E. Sir Knight:

Your letter of inquiry of August 24 has just been received. 1st, Ivanhoe Commandery has held twenty meetings. 2d, Have worked sixteen, 3d, Twenty-three candidates have received the Orders. 4th, All money advanced by the Sir Knights has been refunded, and no outstanding debts, with a balance in the treasury of \$519.29. We have all the paraphernalia we need for work. All the Sir Knights are fully uniformed except the last four who received the Orders, and the Commandery owns four extra ones that visitors may be accommodated. I will attend the Grand bodies in Denver, and will then give any information or explanation that may be desired.

Courteously yours,

S. H. THOMPSON, E. C.,

Ivanhoe Commandery.

LONGMONT, COLO., September 3, 1884.

R. W. Woodbury, Esq., Denver.

DEAR SIR KNIGHT: Long's Peak Commandery U. D. has created six since it started. The furniture has been bought and paid for by us as individuals, and whenever the Commandery has sufficient funds the bills will be presented to it. The bills we paid I think amounted to about six hundred

dollars, and, deducting what the Commandery, as such, has paid from its receipts, there is about three hundred and fifty dollars in its treasury. Trusting this information will be satisfactory,

I am, courteously yours,

GEORGE WYMAN, E. C.

CANON CITY, COLO., August 25, 1884.

R. W. Woodbury, Esq., Grand Commander Knights Templar,

EMINENT SIR: Your order of August 22d is to hand, and I have the honor to answer same, as follows:

First Question.—How many meetings has your Commandery held? *Answer.*—Twenty-eight (28) including two (2) on Ascension Day.

Second Question.—On how many evenings have you worked? *Answer.*—Twenty (20).

Third Question.—How many candidates have received the Order of Red Cross, and how many the Temple and Malta? *Answer.*—Twenty-one (21) have received all the Orders.

Fourth Question.—What is the indebtedness of your Commandery, if anything, including any amounts advanced by Sir Knights, and which the Commandery is expected to pay at any future time? *Answer.*—Nothing. All our bills are paid, and we have in the hands of our treasurer on this date six hundred and seventy-three dollars and sixty-three cents (\$673.63), including \$240, received August 21, 1884, for six petitions which have not been reported on; also \$80 for two petitions which have been elected, but none of the Orders conferred.

Courteously yours,

J. H. PEABODY, E. C.,

Canon City Commandery U. D.

GREELEY, COLO., September 3, 1884.

Right Eminent Grand Commander R. W. Woodbury, Denver, Colo.

MY DEAR FRATER: Yours of the 22d ultimo came duly to hand in my absence to Estes Park. Therefore I make haste to respond at as early a date as possible to your inquiries. *First*, How many meetings of our (Greeley) Commandery, 18; *second*, How many evenings worked, 11; *third*, How many received the Orders, 14; viz., 14 received full Orders, and three have taken the Order of Red Cross, making 18, with two applications to be acted upon the 24th instant. Our Commandery is in debt, and, as near as I can make out, \$250. We shall have enough, I think, to clear us out of debt by the last of October. We bought the very best outfit, costing us over \$1,000, and have paid it all but \$250. We should have been out of debt ere this but for rejection of applicants and the hindrance we had in the early spring about a suitable hall. In December we expect ample accommodations, although we have a very fair hall now. Then we expect superb quarters in the third story of a building now being built.

Yours courteously,

M. C. EDMUNDS, E. C.,

Greeley Commandery.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Sir M. Spangler, the address was referred to a special committee for division and reference. Sir Knights W. D. Anthony, H. M. Orahoad and A. Sagendorf were appointed said committee.

The Deputy Grand Commander presented the following

REPORT.

During the absence of Eminent Grand Commander R. W. Woodbury in California, I was called upon, as Acting Grand Commander, to grant dispensation to twelve Sir Knights at Durango, La Plata County, to form a Commandery, to be known as Ivanhoe Commandery U. D., with Sir S. H. Thompson as first Eminent Commander, Sir John E. Museras Generalissimo, and Sir John Knowles as Captain General of said new Commandery.

The petition appearing regular, limits accompanying the same, and the occasion seeming to warrant, dispensation was granted on the 4th day of March, 1884, in accordance with petition. The necessary fee of \$30.00 having been remitted to the Grand Recorder.

A communication was received from the Eminent Grand Commander of Wisconsin, asking the Grand Commander to suggest a Sir Knight to act as Grand Representative from that State. Sir M. H. Fitch having filled that position to the satisfaction of all parties heretofore, his name was suggested.

My cash account is as follows: Received from Ivanhoe Commandery U. D., \$90, which was paid over to the Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MAXWELL,

Dep. Gr. Com.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Grand Commander's address.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The following was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

William D. Todd, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Colorado:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

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| September 21, 1883. | To balance as per last report | \$1,585 39 |
| " 22, " | " Grand Recorder, Gunnison | 90 00 |
| October 3, " | " F. Walsen, Acting Grand Treasurer, San Francisco | 17 50 |
| November 15, " | " Grand Recorder, Canon City | 90 00 |
| January 28, 1884. | " " " Greeley | 90 00 |
| June 5, " | " " " Durango | 90 00 |
| March 8, " | " " " Longmont | 90 00 |
| September 18, " | " " " | 837 00 |
| " 19, " | " " " | 315 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$3,214 89 |

By Warrants—

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| 36..... | \$50 00 |
| 37..... | 50 00 |
| 38..... | 20 00 |
| 39..... | 43 40 |
| 40..... | 125 00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 288 40 |

September 18, 1884. By balance..... 2926 49

Grand total.....\$3,214 89

To balance, \$2,926.49, for which find certified check, together with vouchers for disbursements.

Courteously submitted,

WM. D. TODD,

Gr. Treas.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following, and, on motion, the financial part thereof was referred to the Finance Committee, and the balance to the Committee on Returns and Work:

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of Colorado:

September 21, 1883, a charter was issued to Gunnison Commandery No. 8, stationed at Gunnison.

I have drawn warrants on our Grand Treasurer—

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| On account of salaries | \$ 70 00 |
| " " contingent fund | 50 00 |
| " " printing | 125 00 |
| " " balance on banner and jewels | 43 40 |
| Total | <hr/> \$288 40 |

I have received—

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| September 21, 1883. | Dues Gunnison U. D. | \$ 80 00 |
| | Charter Gunnison No. 8 | 10 00 |
| November 13, " | Dispensation Canon City | 90 00 |
| January 28, 1884. | " " Greeley | 90 00 |
| March 6, " | " " Ivanhoe | 90 00 |
| June 8, " | " " Long's Peak | 90 00 |

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| September 3, 1884, Dues No. 8 for 1884..... | \$ 71 00 |
| " 4, " " " 4 " | 27 00 |
| " 4, " " " 2 " | 39 00 |
| " 8, " " " 7 " | 114 00 |
| " 8, " " " 1 " | 217 00 |
| " 8, " " " 6 " | 58 00 |
| " 8, " " " 5 " | 117 00 |
| " 8, " " " 5 for 1883..... | 11 00 |
| " 12, " " Greeley U. D. for 1884..... | 70 00 |
| " 15, " " Ivanhoe U. D. " | 115 00 |
| " 16, " " No. 3 " | 170 00 |
| " 18, " " Long's Peak U.D. " | 30 00 |
| " 18, " " Canon City " " | 115 00 |
| Total | \$1,602 00 |

And have paid the Grand Treasurer said amount.

The incidental expenses of my office have exceeded the appropriation of \$50 by the sum of \$9.45. An itemized bill is herewith submitted.

Pueblo Commandery No. 3 did not make returns and pay dues within the time required by Section 3 Article IV. of our statutes.

Greeley Commandery U. D. at Greeley, Canon City Commandery U. D. at Canon City, Ivanhoe Commandery U. D. at Durango, and Long's Peak Commandery U. D. at Longmont have each made returns, paid dues, returned their dispensations and record, and ask for charters.

Besides our usual exchanges I have received bound volume of proceedings of Grand Commandery of Iowa, volume 3, 1879-1882, and have placed the same in the Grand Lodge library.

Courteously submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,

Grand Recorder.

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

The lines were formed and General Order No. 1, issued by the M. E. Grand Master, read and ordered published.

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. }
SIR KNIGHT ROBERT E. WITHERS, M. E. Grand Master. }

To all Grand Commanderies, and all Subordinate Commanderies holding Charters from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America—Greeting:

Know Ye, That believing the Representative System, as inaugurated by Past Grand Master Hurlbut, and approved by the Grand Encampment of the United States in 1880, conducive to the prosperity and discipline of the Order of Knights Templar, I do hereby announce the appointment of the following Sir Knights, to whom commissions have been issued, as my Representatives, each in and for the District herein designated, whose duty it shall be to visit, at their convenience, the various Grand Commanderies and the Subordinate Commanderies holding charters immediately from the Grand Encampment; to inspect their proceedings, inquire into their condition, and report to me:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island—Sir Knight Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand Warder, Providence, R. I., Representative.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Vermont, Connecticut and New York—Sir Knight Charles Roome, Deputy Grand Master, New York City, N. Y., Representative.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware—Sir Knight John P. S. Gobin, Grand Generalissimo, Lebanon, Pa., Representative.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia—Sir Knight Peyton S. Coles, Past Grand Commander, Estouteville, Va., Representative.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—Sir Knight William J. Pollard, Past Grand Commander, Augusta, Ga., Representative.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee—Sir Knight Daniel Smith, Grand Captain of the Guard, Mobile, Alabama, Representative.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas—Sir Knight Henry B. Stoddard, Grand Standard Bearer, Bryan, Texas, Representative.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana—Sir Knight W. LaRue Thomas, Grand Senior Warden, Danville, Ky., Representative.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin—Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, Grand Captain General, Corunna, Mich., Representative.

TENTH DISTRICT.

Missouri and Nebraska—Sir Knight John R. Parson, Grand Sword Bearer, St. Louis, Mo., Representative.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming—Sir Knight Silas E. Sheldon, Past Grand Commander, Topeka, Kansas, Representative.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota—Sir Knight Henry W. Rothert, Past Grand Commander, Keokuk, Iowa, Representative.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

California, Oregon, Washington Territory and Sandwich Islands—Sir Knight George C. Perkins, Grand Junior Warden, San Francisco, California, Representative.

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FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana—Sir Knight Philip H. Emerson,
E. C., Ogden, Utah, Representative.

Done at Wytheville, Virginia, this 1st day of November, A. D. 1883,
A. O. 765, by the M. E. Grand Master.

Attest:

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Encampment, at Iowa
[SEAL.] City, Iowa, this 1st day of November, A. D. 1883.

T. S. PARVIN,

Grand Recorder.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

- The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knight Harper M. Orahood to fill vacancy on the Committee on Jurisprudence.

ADDRESSES REFERRED.

The following report was read and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee to whom was referred the addresses of the R. E. Grand Commander and the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, courteously submit the following report:

We recommend that the portion of the address referring to dispensations for new Commanderies be referred to the Committee on Returns and Work.

That the portion relating to decisions and the recommendation to amend the By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the Grand Commander's action in appointing Grand Representatives be approved.

That this Commandery recognize the Grand Commandery of Dakota and heartily recommend the same to the sisterhood of Grand Commanderies.

We recommend that a special committee be appointed on tactics and drill, and that the portion of the address relating to this subject be referred to such committee.

WEBSTER D. ANTHONY,

ANDREW SAGENDORF,

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,

Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

The following report was read and, on motion, adopted and warrants ordered drawn on the Grand Treasurer as therein recommended:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder's reports, and find them correct.

Your committee would further recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be placed to the credit of the Grand Recorder, to be used by him as a contingent fund, and that a warrant for \$9.45 be drawn in his favor.

WM. FULLERTON,
JOHN J. THOMAS,
S. A. SHEPPERD,

Committee.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence, prepared by P. G. Commander H. M. Orahod, was presented and ordered published.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 1.45 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1.45 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor.
Grand Commander Woodbury presiding.

JURISPRUDENCE—STATUTES AMENDED.

The following report was read and, on motion, adopted, and Sections 1 and 5 of Article VI. of Code of Statutes were amended as therein recommended by an unanimous vote:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred certain portions of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, beg leave to report that they have examined the decisions as reported by him, and finding them in accord with Templar Law, are hereby approved.

Believing the suggestion offered by the Grand Commander to amend Section 1 of Article VI. of the Code of Statutes to be important, we therefore recommend that said Section 1 of Article VI. be amended by striking out all of said section after the word "dollars."

We would further recommend that said Code of Statutes be further amended by striking out all of Section 5 of Article VI.

Courteously submitted,

H. M. ORAHOOD,
W. D. ANTHONY,
M. SPANGLER,

Committee.

PAY OF OFFICERS.

The following, offered by Sir Knight Todd, was adopted:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the Grand Recorder for \$100, and in favor of the Grand Captain of the Guard for \$25, for services.

TACTICS AND DRILL.

The Grand Commander appointed as a Special Committee on Tactics and Drill, Sir Knights M. Spangler, A. J. Bean and the Grand Recorder; and, on motion of Sir Knight Orahood, they were instructed to report at our next Annual Conclave.

RETURNS AND WORK—CHARTERS ORDERED.

The following report was adopted, and charters ordered issued as therein recommended:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Returns and Work respectfully report that they have examined the returns of all chartered Commanderies, and of the Commanderies under dispensation.

We find the returns of the chartered Commanderies correct, except Pueblo Commandery No. 3, which has no seal attached to its return, and therefore would recommend that said Commandery be allowed to make the necessary correction.

We find the records of all the Commanderies under dispensation neatly and correctly kept.

Canon City Commandery U. D. has constituted twenty-three, created twenty-three, and has paid Grand Commandery dues on Knights created. We recommend the issuance of a charter under the name of Canon City Commandery No. 9, with J. H. Peabody, E. C.; W. T. Bridwell, Gen.; E. C. Gray, C. G.

Greeley Commandery U. D. has constituted seventeen, created fourteen, and has paid Grand Commandery dues on Knights created. We recommend the issuance of a charter under the name of Greeley Commandery No. 10, with M. C. Edmunds, E. C.; Lafayette Reynolds, Gen.; M. J. Hogarty, C. G.

Ivanhoe Commandery U. D. has constituted twenty-three, created twenty-three, and has paid Grand Commandery dues on Knights created. We recommend the issuance of a charter under the name of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, with S. H. Thompson, E. C.; J. E. Meuser, G.; John Knowles, C. G.

Long's Peak Commandery U. D. has constituted six, created six, and has paid Grand Commandery dues on Knights created. We recommend the issuance of a charter under the name of Long's Peak Commandery No. 12, with Geo. E. Wyman, E. C.; Louis H. Dickson, G.; Thomas Butler, C. G.

All of which is courteously submitted,

A. H. BRANCH,
C. H. JACOBSON,
A. T. HENRY,

Committee.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election was then held, the balloting resulting in the election of the following Sir Knights:

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| JAMES P. MAXWELL, Boulder..... | G. Commander. |
| HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo | D. G. Commander. |
| CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Georgetown..... | G. Generalissimo. |
| ALBERT H. BRANCH, Leadville..... | G. Capt. General. |
| AARON GOVE, Denver | G. Prelate. |
| A. J. BEAN, Gunnison | G. S. Warden. |
| RICHARD HARVEY, Central City..... | G. J. Warden. |
| WM. D. TODD, Denver..... | G. Treasurer. |
| ED. C. PARMELEE, Georgetown | G. Recorder. |

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were re-elected by an unanimous vote.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Commander elect announced the following Sir Knights as appointed officers:

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| SIDNEY A. SHEPPERD, Denver | G. Standard Bearer. |
| SAMUEL H. THOMPSON, Durango..... | G. Sword Bearer. |
| JAMES H. PEABODY, Canon City | G. Warder. |
| THOMAS LINTON, Denver | G. C. of Guard. |

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Commander, R. W. Woodbury, installed Sir Knight James P. Maxwell, Grand Commander elect, who installed the other elected and appointed officers.

PRESENTATION JEWEL ORDERED.

Sir Knight Wm. D. Todd offered the following, which was adopted by an unanimous vote :

Resolved, That a special committee of three, consisting of the R. E. Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, be and are hereby appointed to procure a suitable jewel properly inscribed, and present the same to Past R. E. Grand Commander R. W. Woodbury, in the name of this Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder be and he is duly authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the cost thereof.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees :

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir Knight ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.

" WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver.

" MICHAEL SPANGLER, Denver.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Knight HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver.

" ANDREW SAGENDORF, Denver.

" GRAND RECORDER.

THANKS.

The following was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1 for the free use of their Asylum for this meeting of the Grand Commandery.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes were then read and approved.

And the Ninth Annual Conclave was closed in SOLEMN and KNIGHTLY form, to meet in Denver on Friday after the third Tuesday in September (18th day) 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JAMES P. MAXWELL,
Grand Commander.

Attest—



Grand Secretary.



Appendix.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

LIST OF MEMBERSHIP.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATUTES.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following named jurisdictions:

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| Alabama | 24th Annual Conclave | May 21, 1884. |
| Arkansas | 12th Annual Conclave | May 13, 1884. |
| California | 26th Annual Conclave | April 10, 1884. |
| Canada | 8th Annual Assembly | July 10, 1883. |
| Connecticut | 57th Annual Conclave | March 18, 1884. |
| Dakota | 1st Annual Conclave | May 14, 1884. |
| Georgia | 23th Annual Conclave | May 21, 1884. |
| Illinois | 27th Annual Conclave | October 23, 1883. |
| Indiana | 30th Annual Conclave | April 29, 1884. |
| Iowa | 20th Annual Conclave | September 18, 1883. |
| Kansas | 16th Annual Conclave | May 15, 1884. |
| Kentucky | 37th Annual Conclave | May 22, 1884. |
| Louisiana | 21st Annual Conclave | February 15, 1884. |
| Maine | 32d Annual Conclave | May 2, 1883. |
| Maryland | 13th Annual Conclave | March 26, 1883. |
| Mass. and Rhode Island | 78th Annual Conclave | October 31, 1883. |
| Michigan | 28th Annual Conclave | May 13, 1884. |
| Minnesota | 18th Annual Conclave | June 25, 1883. |
| Mississippi | 24th Annual Conclave | June 4, 1884. |
| Missouri | 23d Annual Conclave | May 6, 1884. |
| Nebraska | 11th Annual Conclave | May 6, 1883. |
| New Hampshire | 24th Annual Conclave | September 25, 1883. |
| New Jersey | 25th Annual Conclave | September 11, 1883. |
| New York | 70th Annual Conclave | October 2, 1883. |
| North Carolina | 3d Annual Conclave | October 9, 1883. |
| Ohio | 41st Annual Conclave | October 10, 1883. |
| Pennsylvania | 30th Annual Conclave | May 29, 1883. |
| Tennessee | 22d Annual Conclave | May 20, 1884. |
| Texas | 31st Annual Conclave | April 16, 1884. |
| Vermont | 42d Annual Conclave | June 10, 1884. |
| Virginia | 61st Annual Conclave | October 10, 1883. |
| Wisconsin | 25th Annual Conclave | October 9, 1883. |

West Virginia has not been received.

ALABAMA—1884.

The address of the R. E. Grand Commander, Daniel Smith, gives a full report of his official acts for the year. Under head of decisions is the following:

I have had no question submitted to me for decision, during the year. Conclusive evidence of the intelligence and good judgment of the members of the Order in this Jurisdiction.

The condition of the Order he gives as follows :

It is gratifying to me to be able to state that Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction is in a healthy condition, and the members alive to their duties. That nothing has occurred during the year to disturb the harmony heretofore existing among the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction, or the friendly relations between this Grand Body and those with which it is in friendly correspondence.

The Grand Commander this year, as he did last year, visited all the Subordinate Commanderies in the jurisdiction.

Grand Recorder Sayre makes the Report on Correspondence. It is in his usual entertaining style. Colorado again receives kindly notice.. He closes as follows :

We have entered into no controversies. The fact is, controversies are not profitable, and we decline them.

We came across several places where we might have thrust in a spear, but it would have been to little profit, and so—we staid out. We know that controversies excite interest, but they fail to be of much profit. And besides, we write principally for our own jurisdiction. We desire to inform our own Sir Knights how the Order is progressing—where it is increasing, and where it is falling off. At present the outlook is hopeful everywhere, and with the wish that it may continue so in all the future, we lay aside our pen.

We hope to find the next report from Sir Knight Sayre's pen.

Sir James T. Holtzclaw G. C., Sir Daniel Sayre re-elected G. Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1884.

From the Grand Commander's address we learn that the Order is in a prosperous condition :

While the past year has been comparatively an uneventful one for the Order in this jurisdiction, it does not necessarily follow that it has not been a prosperous one, for with Templarism, as with all other human affairs, those transactions which are marked with sudden and startling events, while for a time they may amaze and captivate the minds of men, generally end like the career of Napoleon at Waterloo—in disaster and defeat. We have had the blessed sunshine, the falling dews and the refreshing rains, and under Heaven's blessings are at peace with ourselves, with all mankind, and, I trust, with our God. The year has been a prosperous one, and the Order to-day, in this jurisdiction, is, perhaps, on a firmer footing than ever heretofore. With us the Templar's God hath blessed the Templar's cause.

The session was very short, and very little business came before the body.

No report on Correspondence.

Sir Alfred A. Tufts G. C., Sir James A. Henry re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1884.

Grand Commander Perkins presiding.

The report of proceedings shows a very full attendance.

Regarding the condition of the Order and progress for the year, the Grand Commander in his address says :

It affords me great pleasure, Sir Knights, to be able to report continued peace, harmony and prosperity within our borders. The past year has been one of great interest to the Order. The desire to participate in the joys and festivities of the Triennial Conclave caused an unusual number to knock at the door of our Asylum, asking to be inducted into those mysteries so happily adapted to charm and elevate the imagination, school the mind into habits of pure thought, generous impulses, and noble deeds of charity and benevolence. Such an increase under such circumstances may have excited considerable solicitude. This is a danger at all times to be apprehended when we consider the growing popularity of our Order; but I am assured, from the best information I have been able to gather, that the accolade of Knighthood has generally been worthily bestowed.

He devotes considerable space to the Twenty-second Triennial, and not unnaturally, and very appropriately, is somewhat jubilant on account of its success. He is to be congratulated for his personal efforts and influence in that behalf.

A committee was appointed to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to him.

We clip the following from the Grand Recorder's report:

It will be observed that the appropriation of \$3,400.00 towards the expenses of the Triennial Conclave, has not been drawn from the treasury; the noble generosity of the Grand Commander, and the admirable management of the Finance Committee for that occasion, having rendered its use unnecessary.

Grand Recorder Caswell makes the report on correspondence. It is shorter than usual, yet full, fair in its criticisms.

Colorado for 1883 receives notice.

Past Grand Commander Graves, Secretary of the Triennial Committee, makes a full report. The total amount raised was about sixty thousand dollars. All demands were paid and a balance left on hand.

Sir William Monroe Petrie Grand Commander, Sir Thomas H. Caswell re elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA.—1883.

M. E. Sir Knight Moore, Great Prior, makes a very short report of his official acts. He gives a long explana-

tion of a part of his address of the previous year, relating to the origin of Masonry and Templary. "Templars of the United States" are then discussed, and evidently he does not regard them with favor. After speaking of the introduction of Templary in 1769, he says:

Subsequently Templary was altogether remodeled and changed to form an integral part of the "American Rite of Free Masonry," discarding all semblance of its chivalric character.

In 1814 the Reformed Templar Rite was established by the "Cerneau" Grand Consistory, revising a complete system, or ritual of work, which was received and became the adopted system, retaining the trinitarian Christian character of the Order.

But of late years, latitudinarian views of Christianity have prevailed, allowing all men to follow the dictates of their own convictions and pre-conceived ideas, as opposed to the orthodox doctrines of the church at large, hence they have constituted a quasi Military-Christian-Masonic system, under the name of Knights Templar, without any of its characteristics or well defined Christian basis, it being understood that it was not the intention to perpetuate Medieval Knighthood, but to adopt its externals for public parades and pageantry, identifying its doctrines with that of Universal Freemasonry.

The great question of the Conclave was regarding a change of organization, as the Great Prior calls it: "The independence of the Great Priory of Canada." The Great Prior was strongly opposed to a declaration of independence; but during the conclave joined in a unanimous report as follows:

The special committee appointed at the last annual assembly of the Great Priory, for the purpose of taking into consideration the question of the independence of the National Great Priory of Canada, beg leave courteously and unanimously to report that with the consent and acquiescence of the M. E. the Great Prior, they recommend Great Priory to request and authorize the M. E. the Great Prior to prepare and forward to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Supreme Grand Master of Convent General, an humble address, praying that inasmuch as the Great Priory has this day unanimously declared in the revision of its Statutes, its authority in and throughout the Dominion of Canada over all bodies of the Order of the Temple and appendant Degrees His Royal Highness the Grand Master will be graciously pleased to absolve this Great Priory, and all Officers and Frateres members thereof, from their obligations of fealty to him as Supreme Grand Master, so that this Great Priory may be enabled fully and without doubt to affirm and maintain the position which it has taken upon itself as an Independent Great Priory of the Order of Knights Templar and appendant Degrees, and at the same time gratefully to express their knightly obligations to His Royal Highness and to Convent General for all the courtesies and favors which they, as members and officers of the Temple in the Dominion of Canada, have heretofore received from His Royal Highness, and from all the officers of the Order in the United Kingdom; and also communicate their desire that the inter-jurisdictional relations of this Sovereign Great Priory toward the sister Great Priorities in England and Ireland, and the Chapter General of Scotland, with the sister Grand Encampment of the United States of America, and the Grand Commanderies of the several States, and with all Fraters throughout the world be more intimate and binding than heretofore. And may the Most High evermore bestow his blessing upon us and upon all members of our beloved Order whithersoever dispersed.

The report was unanimously adopted. So Canada now has A GRAND COMMANDERY, the same as each of our jurisdictions in the United States. We are glad of it, and congratulate our Frateres over the border on their *independence*, although the change is nominal, as their dependence was really but a matter of form.

The "American feeling of independence" referred to in our last report is now fully successful.

A Report on Correspondence is promised for next year.

Sir Knight Moore was re-elected Great Prior.

CONNECTICUT—1884.

The Grand Commander in his address reports the condition of the Order as follows:

As we enter upon the duties of a new Templar year, with renewed zeal and increasing love for the great principles of our Order, I congratulate you on the peace and harmony that prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction. Neither has a complaint been heard, nor a question referred to me for decision.

He notices the Twenty-second Triennial:

We were received and entertained by the Sir Knights and citizens of California with great courtesy and generous hospitality. The reception was a grand success for the triennial committee and Sir Knights of California.

Very little business of importance was transacted by the Grand Encampment. Nothing was done in the way of ritual or tactics. I believe these matters are now definitely settled, so far as the Grand Encampment is concerned. I also believe it is well to leave these matters to the Grand Commanderies.

R. E. Sir Charles Roome, D. G. Master Grand Encampment of U. S., was present and received with appropriate honors.

Our personal friend, Sir Knight Birdsey, of St. Elmo Commandery, was elected Grand Commander.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder. It is full and well written. Colorado, for 1883, receives notice. He closes as follows:

Without offering an apology for the lack of our own, which at the best would have been some more common variety, we close with that familiar profession, "Silver and Gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee."

An exemplification of the work and drill, followed by a banquet, attended by "the Sir Knights numbering two hundred or more," fitly closed what seems to have been a very pleasant and profitable conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

Sir Eli C. Birdsey, Grand Commander; Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder.

DAKOTA—1884.

The Grand Commandery was organized in accordance with the warrant of the Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of the United States. V. E. Theodore S. Parvin acted as proxy for the Grand Commander.

Five Commanderies were represented and took part in the proceedings. Grand officers were elected and then installed by Sir Knight Parvin.

La-co-tah Commandery No. 6 having worked under a dispensation from the Grand Master, was duly chartered.

Sir Knight George H. Rand was appointed to write Report on Correspondence for next conclave. We welcome Dakota to the sisterhood of Grand Commanderies.

Sir Knight Samuel Roy, Grand Commander, Sir Knight Edwin E. Sage, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA--1884.

Grand Commander William B. Young, presiding. The eight Subordinate Commanderies all represented.

Of the condition of the order the Grand Commander says:

The evidences of continued prosperity, as shown by the reports of the Grand Officers, will, I am sure, be interesting and satisfactory to you. During the year past all has been well with us. No clouds or unseemly contentions have arisen.

The address was very short, and not of general interest outside the jurisdiction.

There was a competitive drill, a public parade, devotional exercises at the church, an interesting and instructing address, and, after the closing, a banquet which was largely attended. The whole conclave seems to have been of more than usual interest.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Deputy G. C. Hall. He recommends the appointment of a committee of one on Correspondence instead of three. It does not make any difference about the number, *one only* does the work, signs the report, and takes the credit, if

there be any, and must stand the criticism. The report is concise and well written. Colorado for 1883 receives kindly notice.

Sir William B. Young, Grand Commander; Sir Sam'l P. Hamilton re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1883.

Grand Commander Turner, in his address, makes a full report of his official acts. The following shows a happy condition of affairs:

Of our own jurisdiction it affords me pleasure beyond measure, to say that peace, holy peace, prevails throughout its length and breadth: an excessive abundance of all the good "the Gods can give." Truly a Benjamin's portion is ours: In love and unity, and in contemplation of the prevailing spirit of harmony, we thank God for His many blessings, and like one of old we exclaim, "Behold, how pleasant and how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Under the head of Dispensations, Colorado receives the following kindly notice:

July 1st I petitioned R. E. Sir M. H. Fitch, Grand Commander of Colorado, the permission for St. Bernard Commandery to appear in public, in uniform, during their sojourn in that jurisdiction, en route to San Francisco, which was courteously granted; and permit me here to acknowledge the attention and hospitality extended by the fraters of Colorado.

Three new Commanderies were instituted during the year.

The following is all that appears under the head of Appeals and Decisions. The observation we heartily approve:

No appeals have been made in which decisions were necessary, and no opinions required that were not fully covered by existing laws; and here let me observe that much annoyance can be avoided, and much correspondence can be saved the Grand Commander, if the officers of the Subordinate Commanderies would carefully inform themselves in the laws they are pledged to see executed. Ignorance of a plainly written law is an unjustifiable plea.

The Twenty-second Triennial Conclave receives complimentary notice as a success *socially*. Otherwise, however, "the record thereof shows no very satisfactory results."

We heartily approve the following, which we find in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Committee approve the recommendation of the Grand Commander, and offer the following resolution for your adoption:

Resolved, That Commanderies in this Jurisdiction are hereby authorized to celebrate Easter or Ascension Day, as may be most convenient to them, without special Dispensation; and that such celebration shall be held in the Asylum as far as practicable.

The Report on Correspondence is in the usual able style of Sir T. T. Gurney. Colorado (Proceedings 1882) receives kindly notice. We think our report for 1882 agrees with Sir Knight Gurney's views on the Trinitarian question. He says:

We insist upon being a section of the Masonic family. If this be true, there does not seem to be a justification for introducing tests that robs it of its Christian universality.

We use the following, which appears to us to be to the same effect:

Although we may believe the doctrine, and that it "forms a part of the American Templar's Creed," yet "would wisely refuse to have this doctrine made a test."

Sir James G. Elwood, Grand Commander; Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1884.

Grand Commander Woolsey makes a full report of his official acts. Of the condition of the Order he tells us:

The evidences of harmony, prosperity and healthy growth within our cherished Order, are marked and exceedingly satisfactory.

Under the head of decisions we find the following:

Questions upon the application of existing Templar law to cases of dispute in Subordinate Commanderies have been remarkably few, a fact which reflects credit upon the intelligence of the Commanderies and suggests the possibilities of our governing laws, when consulted, as a remedy for nearly all the ills that Templarism is heir to.

Sir Martin H. Rice, Inspector General, makes a full and complete report, showing a large amount of work done by him, and a prosperous state of the Order.

The Report on Correspondence by P. G. C. Nicholas R. Ruckle is full, complete and interesting.

Colorado for 1883 is fully reviewed, and receives kindly notice.

As usual we appropriate the table of statistics entire.

He believes in the Trinity, but, we think, does not wish it made a test further than to require "a firm belief in the Christian religion." He says:

We do not argue for or against the "dogma." As for ourself, while we can conscientiously declare a belief in the Trinity, we do not feel perfectly assured that it would stand the critical examination of a Doctor of Divinity, or of the more orthodox among the reviewers.

He favors the military feature of the Order, in fact thinks "a little too much drill" about right. So do we.

Sir Walter Vail, Grand Commander, Sir John M. Bramwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA—1883.

Grand Commander Rothert presiding, and forty-four chartered Commanderies represented.

Regarding the condition of the Order, the Grand Commander says:

It has been a propitious year for our vallant and magnanimous Order, and another milestone upon the broad traveled way of human faith and Christian devotion has been set by the events of the past year, and been crowned by the vallant Templars of this jurisdiction as a testimonial to, and a justification of, their zeal and belief.

He urges the continued observance of Easter Sunday and Ascension Day:

I recommended, *not ordered*, the observance of Easter Sunday and Ascension Day, in the hope that these exercises, once begun and practiced, would eventually become common usage, and what the arbitrary arm of power could not enforce, the more acceptable influence of custom would control. I have received a number of printed services for Easter Day and Ascension Day, as well as complete reports as to ceremonies at the graves of those "who have fallen full Knightly with their armor on," participated in by several of the subordinate Commanderies, and I can but urge and insist, *may this beautiful Templar practice continue*.

All which we heartily approve.

He pays a glowing and merited tribute to the memory of William B. Langridge, late Grand Recorder, who died during the year.

Speaking of the Triennial, he says:

The Ritual of the Order of Malta was adopted, and, what appeared as the main purpose of the gathering: the officers to serve for the next ensuing three years were elected.

No, this was not the *main* purpose. The main purpose was the royal good time enjoyed by the Sir Knights of Iowa with all others present, which is clearly shown by reading, between the lines if not directly, the following:

Iowa should, and in its name I hereby desire to tender to the generous, kind and Knightly brothers, one and all, of *California*, a sincere, hearty and true assurance of everlasting obligations for that kindly greeting extended to your representatives. Whatever could be done to positively prove that Knightly courtesies and generous good will reigned supreme on the Pacific shore, was done, and the breezes wafted from the Golden Gate were laden with the perfume of willing service, ready recognition and unbounded hospitality.

All which appeared to be fully appreciated and enjoyed by Sir Knight Rothert, as we can personally testify.

The short form of Ritual of Malta was adopted.

P. G. C. Parvin gives an interesting sketch of the life and labors of the late Sir Knight Langridge, with which is given a fine portrait.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is made by P. G. C. Guilbert. He gives Colorado kindly notice, but takes the Committee on Correspondence to task for *brevity*. Well, Sir Knight, there are few questions which are unsettled or uncertain in our Order now to be discussed. It is more difficult to decide what not to say, and to select from the reports we read and examine, than it would be to put in a great deal more without careful selection. We must decline to make any apology.

Sir Abel W. Daugherty, Grand Commander ; Sir John C. Parish, Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1884.

The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

The past year, I am happy to assure you, has been one of great prosperity to the Masonic Craft in general, and especially so to the Orders of Christian Knight hood.

Under the head of Visitations is the following:

I have, during the year, visited each of the Subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction. I inspected over 60 per cent of the membership in the jurisdiction, and with the exception of nine members, all were in uniform, thus showing a compliance with the regulations.

Considerable space is devoted to the Triennial.

Following is the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances:

No case of appeal or complaint has been presented to your committee for consideration, and hence we conclude that peace and harmony prevail in our ranks, all of which argues well for the good management of our Commanderies.

Grand Recorder Sir John H. Brown makes the report on Correspondence.

We quote from his opening, and fully appreciate the following:

The preparation of these annual reviews from year to year, requires more time than the writers usually have to bestow, if other duties devolving on them are performed with fidelity.

Those alone who have undertaken such tasks can well appreciate the care, attention and downright hard work needed, in order to produce creditable and acceptable reports. Some idea of the toll incident to their preparation may be obtained when it is known that to provide the material therefor, more than twenty thousand pages octavo, must be annually read, and since a complete abstract of the whole can not be made, time must always be given to make such extracts therefrom as, in the opinion of the writer, will most interest his readers and keep them informed of the more important Masonic doings which have transpired in other jurisdictions. To all this must be added the contributions of the reviewer, frequently necessitating protracted investigations, which must be pursued under most trying and untoward circumstances, and always requiring tact, discrimination and that nice regard for the opinions of others, which will keep intact fraternal comity, and thus promote peace in Orders founded on the recognition of the brotherhood of men and the fatherhood of God. Yet this annual literary tour is not without its compensations. It has its pleasures as well as its toils. At every turn congenial spirits are met, who are animated by the same impulses, and though treading different paths, are yet verging toward the same grand goal—TRUTH. From them come words of cheer, and not seldom valuable additions to the stock of Masonic lore, or what is of quite as much worth, elucidations of that already secured, which double its value and render its diffusion of greater importance.

Colorado for 1883 is reviewed.

Sir Jacob DeWitt, Grand Commander; Sir John H. Brown, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1884.

Commenced with a parade through the principal streets and a reception with cordial address of welcome to the Grand Commandery. Grand Commander Hall made an appropriate response.

Grand Officers and representatives of twenty-two Subordinate Commanderies present.

The Grand Commander says no question of Templar law was submitted to him during the year.

He does not approve of the Grand Representative system. As one reason he presents correspondence which he does not deem desirable to make public. So far as stated his principal reason is as follows:

I am persuaded that the office—or whatever it may be called—is useless, cumbersome, and amounts to nothing but ostentation. Many do not attend the Grand Commanderies to which they are accredited; never make any report, and would be surprised if anything was expected of them—even so much as to pay an official visit of courtesy to the Grand Commander and staff, should they happen to invade the territory of the resident Grand Representative.

There is a great deal of truth in this, yet the system has become so general, and the effect generally so satisfactory that we do not think it should be discontinued; but an effort should be made to make it more useful.

The short form of Ritual for Order of Malta was adopted.

P. G. C. Woodruff makes the report on Correspondence. It is full and complete. Colorado for 1883 receives kindly notice.

In closing we find the following in which there is a great deal of truth :

The languishing condition of the Royal Arch Chapters throughout the country determines the fact that the Chapter degrees have outlived their popularity, if not their usefulness.

The interest manifested in the Chapter by Royal Arch Masons grows visibly less every year, and in many localities they would be abandoned but for the necessity of maintaining them as feeders for the Commandery. A revision of the "American Rite" seems to be imperative.

The sphere of the Lodge might be enlarged by relegating the Capitular work to it, and the Royal and Select Degrees could also be conferred by Lodge authority, if they are considered of sufficient importance to preserve. In that event a probation of one or more years should be required of Master Masons before they could be admitted into the Temple, according to the English plan, and "suitable proficiency" should be exacted as a prerequisite for the Orders.

The best argument in favor of retaining the Royal Arch requirement is found in the fact that the aspirant is subjected to repeated scrutiny in the ordeal of the ballot, and if this test were always a sufficient indorsement of character and fitness, the plea would be almost incontestable. But more is expected and required in the Commandery than in the Chapter, and, therefore, a constant elevation of the standard of Templar membership should ever be the paramount object of an Order "founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues."

Two Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment of the United States have recommended the abolition of the Capitular requirement, and the subject seems, at last, to be in a fair way of agitation ; but it would probably be expecting too much of the next Grand Encampment to look to it for any definite action upon this subject.

Sir Bernard G. Witt, Grand Commander ; Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1884.

Grand Commander Hornor, presiding, Grand Officers and a large number of Past Grand Officers, with representatives of five chartered Commanderies, present.

We notice the Grand Commander appointed J. G. McWilliams, of Ascension Commandery U. D., one of the Committee on Credentials and Returns. This is new to us. We never before knew of officers of Commanderies U. D., taking part in or being considered members of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander opens his address as follows :

I welcome you to this our Twenty-first Annual Conclave, with a heart full of thanksgiving for all the mercies that have been heaped upon us by our Heavenly Father ; we may regard our Grand Commandery as having attained its full majority,

and although its existence has long been an assured fact, the respect that the lapse of time lends to all earthly things, is by no means to be disparaged. All has gone well with us during the past year, and we have lost no one of our members during that period.

We congratulate the Grand Commandery on having attained its majority.

We are sorry to notice that the report of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, Sir William T. Adreon, being the Committee, referred to by us last year, has caused a rupture of the friendly relations between the jurisdictions of Louisiana and Maryland.

The Grand Commander refers to the action of the Grand Commandery of Maryland in his address, first giving the resolutions in full, the principal of which is as follows :

WHEREAS, A communication from the Grand Commandery of Louisiana has been received, addressed to this Grand Commandery, wherein they complain of the criticism of our Committee on Correspondence on their proceedings at their Annual Conclave, held in 1881, in reference to proxy vote ; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery fully endorse the views of its Committee as to the law in this case, and while they admit that the language used was somewhat severe, they utterly disclaim, both for themselves and for their Committee, any intention to wound the feeling or personally insult any of our Fraters of Louisiana, whom they hold in most fraternal regard.

Then adds :

This is more than unsatisfactory ; it is a deliberate avowal and endorsement of the offensive language used by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, and a reiteration of it. We did not complain of the criticism by the Committee of our proceedings, but of the unfriendly and unknighly language used by them, and we certainly expected at least a withdrawal of those expressions, if not an apology for their use and a prompt reprimand to the Committee indulging in such coarse allusions ; but nothing of the kind is done ; the Grand Commandery of Maryland "admits that the language used was somewhat severe," but in no manner retract any part of it, thus leaving it in its original full force and offensiveness, which action utterly contradicts the disclaimer of "any intention to wound the feeling or personally insult any of our fraters of Louisiana," who certainly do not wish to be held in any such "most fraternal regard."

The offensive words were such that in social life could only be answered by a blow, or by the complete ignoring of the person who would permit himself to use such expressions ; in our Knightly character, the latter alternative is alone left us, and I recommend that all intercourse and correspondence between the Grand Commandery of Maryland and the Grand Commandery of Louisiana be suspended ; and that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions to that effect, giving the particulars in detail, and that, when the same shall have been presented and adopted, copies thereof be sent to all Templar bodies with whom we are in correspondence.

A Committee was appointed with Sir J. Q. A. Fellows chairman, and they submitted a full report and recommended the passage of a resolution which was adopted, as follows :

Resolved, That all intercourse and correspondence between the Grand Commandery of Maryland and the Grand Commandery of Louisiana be suspended, not to be revived until the former shall disavow absolutely the sentiment reported to it in 1882 complained of, and withdraw the words ; that the credentials of Grand

Representative Sir Edward T. Schultz be withdrawn, and that the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Maryland near this Grand Commandery be returned; that a copy of this report and these resolutions, to which shall be added the objectionable part of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Commandery of Maryland in 1882, the report of the like Committee of this Grand Commandery and its action thereon, the action of the Grand Commandery of Maryland herein in 1883, and that portion of the Grand Commander's address relating to this subject, be printed in circular form and copies thereof be sent to all Templar bodies with whom we are in correspondence under the seal of the Grand Commandery.

The objectionable language in the report is as follows:

We have noted the fact above that Past Grand Master Fellows was present and so far as the proceedings show, made no sign to arrest or defeat this most outrageous violation of all the decencies of Masonic Law and Equity. Louisiana is a small jurisdiction. If it required five just men to save her, we fear she would have to go the way of Sodom and Gomorrah."

We must say our sympathies are with Louisiana, but we are sorry that this speck or cloud of war should appear upon the otherwise peaceful horizon of the Templar world.

No Report on Correspondence, probably owing to the continued "financial condition of our funds." Or it may be the controversy with Maryland determined them to abolish Fraternal Correspondence.

Sir A. N. Cummings, Grand Commander; Sir Richard Lambert, Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1883.

M. E. Benjamin Dean, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was present.

Grand Commander Burnham's address is devoted to a report of the business done and visitations made by him during the year, with a reply to a criticism of Sir Knight Carson, of Ohio, on the Trinitarian question. In which we think he has the best of the argument, and shows the best temper. He closes as follows:

We do, indeed, avow belief in the Christian religion, and of this each Knight Templar must be his own interpreter. No one else can believe for him. I did hope I had a little religion in my heart, although I did not presume our Master had appointed me to judge my fellow men, but had committed all judgment to Him whom He had ordained to be judge, both of the dead and living; neither do I believe in a theoretical religion alone, but that my faith must be a living faith, and that, as Tennyson writes, "Our echoes roll from soul to soul, and grow forever and forever;" and though believing firmly this solemn doctrine, I can also rejoice in the mercy as well as justice of Him who can distinguish argument from assertion and ridicule.

We are sorry to note the following, but hope he has fully recovered ere this:

On the 1st of January, our venerable Grand Recorder, while busy in his office, met with a fall, breaking his leg. We miss to-night the pleasant countenance and friendly greeting which for many years have never failed us at our Conclave. He has not been idle at his home, and we may expect that soon he can resume his accustomed place at the office.

Sir Stephen Berry makes the report on Correspondence, which is published in the proceedings, and not as an appendix. Colorado receives kindly notice.

Sir Isaac S. Bangs, Grand Commander; Sir Ira Berry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1883.

A Special Conclave was held Easter Monday for the purpose of installing the officers-elect of the Subordinate Commanderies. Grand Officers were present and Representatives from Subordinate Commanderies. A committee was appointed to examine the Eminent Commanders-elect. They reported certain ones proficient; whether there were others not proficient is not stated. Thereupon the officers-elect of Subordinate Commanderies represented were installed, and the Grand Commandery was closed. Is not this something new in the way of installation? Will Sir Knight Adreon tell us about it?

From the Grand Commander's address we learn that the ever-varying, never-ending question of Uniform came near causing serious trouble. The Grand Commander suspended several officers of Subordinate Commanderies for appearing in public in some kind of a coat that did not meet his approval. After some courteous correspondence they were all reinstated, and the horizon is again clear.

No decisions were called for or made during the year.

The Triennial at San Francisco receives extended notice—especially the trip to and from the Golden Gate and the reception by the California Templars. Of the Conclave itself he thinks the results very meagre. This seems to be the general opinion.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Adreon, in his usual bold and, sometimes aggressive, style.

Sir William A. Hanway, Grand Commander; Sir Charles T. Cisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—1883.

Semi-Annual Conclave, May 23, 1883. Boston Commandery exemplified the work of the Order of the Temple. But little business was transacted, mostly of local importance.

A special Conclave was held November 28, 1883, for the purpose of constituting and installing the officers of St. Paul Commandery. Sir Knight Rev. Henry W. Rugg delivered an able and eloquent address, replete in facts of Templar history. It should be read to be appreciated. It is impossible to do it justice by quotation.

The annual Communication was held October 31, 1883.

We notice that of a total of one hundred and seventy-two votes, seventy-five are Past Eminent Commanders and nine Past Grand officers, not elsewhere represented. A large proportion, it seems to us.

A statistical table of membership is given, and the Grand Recorder adds:

The affiliations are larger, being 53, of which number 10 were reinstated to good standing.

The gain in total membership, deducting loss from all causes, has been 290.

The causes of loss are: dimitted, 61; suspended, 32; discharged, 25; died, 84; total loss, 200.

This places the present membership of Knights Templar in the jurisdiction at 6,440, and gives an average membership of 161 to each of the 40 Commanderies; the nearest approach to these latter figures are 124 5-7 and 124 7-9, in Maine and New Hampshire respectively.

We find the following in the Grand Commander's address:

In all the Grand Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, with the exception of three, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Arkansas and Georgia, there is annually appointed a Committee on "Foreign Correspondence," whose report is printed with the annual proceedings of these bodies. The duties of this committee are to examine and review the proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies, and in their report briefly to comment upon the doings of our sister Grand Bodies, to notice and discuss questions of Templar law and practice in other jurisdictions, so that errors may be corrected and Templar usage and custom of all those who yield obedience to the Grand Encampment may be uniform. From perusing the reports of a number of these committees, I am persuaded that much benefit would accrue to the Templars of our own jurisdiction were such a committee appointed for our own Grand Commandery. The report of such a committee, if it is what it ought to be, would give our Sir Knights an opportunity of knowing what is being done in other jurisdictions, and of gathering much valuable information otherwise unattainable by the great majority of our fraters. I would therefore recommend that at this Conclave the Grand Commander be authorized to appoint such a committee.

We do not find any report of action upon this recommendation further than its reference with other matters to a special committee. A Grand Commandery that has had

seventy-eight annual, and as many semi-annual Conclaves, and has only arrived at the point where it is told by its Grand Commander

That much benefit would accrue to the Templars of our own jurisdiction were such a Committee appointed.

Cannot be expected to wake up all at once. We will probably hear from the Committee in a year or two. In the meantime, as an encouragement, we would second the motion made by the Grand Commander. It is a good thing; try it.

Sir Caleb Saunders, Grand Commander; Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1884.

Grand Commander Saxton presiding. Present, a large attendance of permanent members and representatives from thirty-four Subordinate Commanderies.

Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, P. G. C. of Michigan and G. C. G. of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was received and welcomed in an appropriate manner—Sir Knight McCurdy responding in his usual entertaining style.

Of the state of the Order the Grand Commander, in his address, says:

With a few exceptions, a zealous interest has prevailed among the Subordinate Commanderies, which has resulted in large accessions to our ranks, a greatly increased attendance at the Conclaves, and a most surprising and gratifying improvement in the Ritualistic work and Tactics of the Asylum. Commendable care has been exercised, and the acquisitions are worthy soldiers of the Cross.

The following shows the usual facts in regard to decisions asked:

I have had upwards of one hundred and fifty questions on Templar Jurisprudence submitted to me, every one of which were answered by reference to the Code of Statutes. This betokens commendable interest and woful ignorance, or carelessness; and I would suggest that you provide every candidate for honors of Eminent Commander with a copy of the Constitution and Code of Statutes, and insist that he becomes conversant with them before being installed.

Under the head of UNIFORM appears General Order No. 3, issued by the Grand Commander. We find each article of the uniform particularly prescribed, even to the standing collar. Yet the committee, to whom was referred this order, report:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Commander's address as refers to the matter of uniform, and to report such alterations in the regulations as may seem necessary, and to more particularly define the same, beg leave to report that after careful investigation, they find the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction are now, as always heretofore, anxious to conform to every regulation of this Grand Body, and to every order of the Grand Commander; but that the regulation in reference to the uniform of a Knight Templar, is so indefinite in its description of some material things, and so specific in some that are of but little importance, it should be amended as soon as possible, and with the greatest care. Believing that it is impossible to properly describe each article of uniform, and define its color, shape, size, etc., etc., in time to report at this Conclave, your committee recommend that they be allowed further time.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged, and a new committee appointed to report at the next Annual Conclave. So the matter is no nearer *final* settlement than when we reported on the preceding year's proceedings; although Sir Knight Innes, in his report on Correspondence, in reviewing Colorado, says:

The order has been carried out and our pretty feathers are all in order. A State Grand Commandery that waits for the Grand Encampment to adopt a uniform system of work—in short, anything of general utility to Templar Masonry, waits in vain.

If one Grand Commandery finds so much trouble in adopting a *uniform system* for itself, the Grand Encampment may be pardoned for finding difficulty in adopting a uniform system for thirty or forty jurisdictions.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements in charge of the pilgrimage to the twenty-second Triennial at San Francisco, is styled the "Revised Pilgrim's Progress." It gives a full account of the Westward trip. After the Triennial "a majority of the party returned at will."

The trip through Colorado, including a day in Denver, is described in glowing terms. We are glad they enjoyed it.

Grand Recorder Innes made a very full and complete Report on Correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-nine closely printed pages.

Referring to the difficulty between Louisiana and Maryland, he says:

We have repeatedly expressed our opinion that reporters had better say too little than too much. The best way, in our opinion, is to quote from the Jurisdictions, and let each form their own opinions. Sometimes it may do to depart from this line, but "you better look very well out" or somebody will get mad all over and shut you out. When we say anything, ever so little, but sharp, we apologize as we go along. "He that runs away," etc.

In which there is much truth.

Sir Heman N. Moore, Grand Commander; Sir William P. Innes, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1883.

The Grand Commander, in opening his address, says :

The year last past has been one of unexampled prosperity, not only to our whole country at large in all its various and varied interests, but to our own Order. It has been one of such prosperity that we should be grateful to Him who doeth all things well.

The Grand Commander the preceding year urgently recommended Templar drill, and favored parades under proper restrictions. Among other things, he said :

A special proficiency in the drill seems to go hand in hand with renewed interest in the Asylum work.

Which meets our approval. However, it does not seem to meet the approval of Grand Commander Rogers, who says, as a result of his observation in visiting subordinate Commanderies :

I find that too much attention is paid to the drill, not the drill of work and ceremonies, but as imitations merely of the military. Whenever I have had a chance I have spoken plainly of this, and urged that young Sir Knights should be taught rather the beauties of our Order—its fine, ennobling precepts; instruct them that the drill is not so much to show the public how nice we can play soldier, as to enhance the beauties of our various ceremonies.

That is right; teach the *young* Sir Knights and *old*, too, the beauties of our Order, but let them drill all they desire, and encourage them in it. In our opinion it will not prevent, but rather enable them "to enhance the beauties of our various ceremonies."

We find the Committee, to whom was referred this part of the Grand Commander's address, dissent from his views and agree with us. Following is part of their report :

We venture to express a difference of opinion, as to the devotion to drill, by the Commanderies in this jurisdiction. We do not believe any Commandery in Minnesota is over-drilled, and from what we have witnessed at this present Conclave of various movements and sword handling, we conclude many are not drilled at all; and we would very respectfully but very earnestly recommend to our Commanderies to do more drilling if they wish to make any sort of a creditable appearance either in their asylums or on the street.

When he comes to consideration of the Grand Encampment he is bewildered:

A chaotic subject. Opinions differ thereon. I'll give you my own: Anything that is *too big* is of no use. The gathering of all Templars in the United States at once to make one simple march, is too much; it costs too much time and money for its worth. True, we make several hundred new acquaintances—that is, we get so many badges and cards—but can *remember* but *few* of the faces. The Grand Encampment is purely a legislative body. It has decided to have no Templar display at its Grand Conclave except one escort (two miles long over a six-mile course, in heat, rain, cyclone or fair weather) to its opening. Of what use is it to concentrate around it *too much* of everything that detracts the minds of the members from their duties?

You see, he does not like *drill*.

We might desire something different in the Grand Encampment, but probably it is better to have too little, rather than too much, legislation. We are of those who believe the world is governed too much.

Sir Knight Pierson again makes the report on Correspondence, presenting fairly and fully the proceedings of the different Grand Commanderies.

Sir William G. Bronson, Grand Commander; Sir A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI—1884.

Grand Commander Romberger presiding. The Grand Commandery was opened in Ample and Knightly Form, and proceeded forthwith to the Methodist Church, where the Offices of Devotion were observed in a solemn and impressive manner—the Grand Prelate, Rev. Sir J. M. Boon, assisted by Rev. Sir R. S. Woodward, conducting the service. The sermon is given in full.

The Grand Commander, in his address, reports the condition of the Order as follows:

So far as accessions to our Knightly ranks, I regret exceedingly that I am unable to report prosperity, for, with the exception of a few Commanderies, but little has been done the past year; still, as an Order, we have life, health and vigor; let us, therefore, hope for renewed interest and zeal, and a corresponding increase in our Knightly ranks.

It is with great satisfaction, however, that I am able to report peace and harmony, reigning supremely, within our borders. I have heard of no contention "save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree."

Sir Knight DeLap makes the report on Correspondence. Colorado receives kindly notice.

Sir W. P. Towler, Grand Commander; Sir J. L. Power, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1884.

We find from the Grand Commander's address that the Order is in good condition.

Extended preparations for the Twenty-third Triennial were inaugurated.

The proceedings were mostly of local interest.

Sir Knight Mayo makes the Report, his seventh, on Correspondence. He follows the usual stereotyped form this year. Last year he reviewed by subjects, and not by jurisdictions, as is usual. Regarding it he says:

We abandon the idea of continuing our last plan of a review for several reasons, but principally because it did not seem to meet with the approval of a majority of the reviewers, although we had some very flattering letters and comments upon the plan by some good writers; and, secondly, because it is a much more difficult plan, requiring more time and study to get up a report of that kind; so we give you a report this time after the old plan, each State by itself, alphabetically.

Colorado receives notice. He criticises, with justice we think, the action declaring that Commanderies U. D. cannot admit unaffiliated Knights to membership.

Sir John A. Sloan, Grand Commander; Sir Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—1883.

Regarding the year just past, the Grand Commander in his address says:

At no period within the history of our State have we made as great an advancement in population, wealth and industry, and in equal proportions has Templar Masonry prospered.

The proceedings are of local interest.

No Report on Correspondence.

Sir Samuel G. Owen, Grand Commander; Sir William R. Bourn, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1883.

The Grand Commander, in his address, reports the Order in a prosperous and harmonious condition:

It is a pleasure to report that peace, harmony and prosperity exist throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. My official acts have been few, owing to the harmony and general well-being of the Order. I have not been called upon to make any decisions, which is evidence of the harmony and concord existing in our jurisdiction.

Sir Knight Henry Gerrish Dearborn, a member of a subordinate Commandery and Past Eminent Commander of Almoner Commandery No. 32, Illinois, made application for membership. His application was referred to a Special Committee, who reported :

The Committee to which was referred the application of Sir Knight Henry Gerrish Dearborn, of Saint George Commandery, have considered the subject and herewith submit their report.

Sir Knight Dearborn is a member of Saint George Commandery, in good and regular standing, and is Past Eminent Commander of Almoner Commandery No. 32, of the jurisdiction of Illinois.

Your Committee understand that it is in accordance with Templar law, and that there is a precedent in this jurisdiction for granting his application, and they recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That Sir Knight Henry Gerrish Dearborn be admitted to membership in this Grand Commandery.

We cannot say as to precedent, but it is undoubtedly in accordance with Templar law. See Section 23, Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States :

Provided, however, That when a Past Commander changes his membership to a subordinate of a different Grand Commandery, such Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein, to continue as long as he is a member of a subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir John J. Bell. It is carefully prepared and well written.

In referring to our Report on Correspondence, 1882, he says :

In his conclusion he refers to the four questions of Trinity, Uniform, Tactics and Drill, and Malta. Upon each he says a few well selected words. If all who have occasion to talk of them could do as well as he, we should soon have to seek out new questions for discussion, for we should soon find ourselves nearly agreed.

Thanks to discussion by Grand Commanders in their addresses and the exhaustive reports of writers on correspondence, there are few questions now under discussion. Our laws and regulations are well understood and seldom violated. In fact we find ourselves nearly, or quite, agreed on all important matters.

Sir Andrew Bunton, Grand Commander ; Sir George P. Cleaves, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1883.

R. E. Sir George G. Felton, Grand Commander, presiding. Our Representative, Sir Frederick G. Wiese, was present.

From the following, in the Grand Commander's address, we find the Order has prospered :

Our institution has prospered even more than we dared to hope for or could reasonably expect. The year just closing has been one of general prosperity to our Order. Our Commanderies report a gratifying increase of members, and in most instances a spirit of activity prevails. The finances of most of them are in a sound condition.

He closes his address with the last stanza of Thanatopsis.

The Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States are published in full.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight Edwards in his usual full and able style. Colorado is fully reviewed. He takes the writer hereof to task for brevity, especially in our notice of New Jersey. Well, Sir Knight, we did not say anything bad about you, and our feeling was and is one of fraternal and courteous regard.

Sir Edward Clift, Grand Commander; Sir Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1883.

Of the condition of the Order, Grand Commander Bartlett, in his address, says :

The events of the year just now closing are not of a startling or unusual character ; rather have our affairs moved along as an exquisite piece of machinery performs its functions, under the impulse of laws to which it has been fashioned to conform, and obedient to a directing hand with power to control its movements. By this it is not intended to convey the idea that there has been sloth or inattention, but that there has been absent every cause of irritation, while on the other hand there seems to have been a tacit agreement to accept the actual and to labor as one *corps d'armee* to promote peace and harmony, and, in consequence, the best interests of the cause in which we have enlisted.

The question of Tactics and Drill is called to the attention of Grand Commandery as usual, and, according to usual custom, nothing further is done.

Sir John W. Simons makes the Report on Correspondence. It is his thirty-first, and in his usual able style. In his opening he reviews the last Triennial, from which we quote the following :

The thought, however, recurs that while it was the intention of the Grand Encampment, by this distant pilgrimage, to secure a quiet season in which it could devote itself to legislation, it reckoned without its host, and fell, among the general rejoicing, into the arms of a people who know how to be generous, and who called up from the vasty deep the very genius of hospitality, who obeyed as the slave of the lamp.

It must be a more experienced pen than ours that can hope to do justice to the occasion, where every man's heart was in his hand; and he must have an imagination beyond the ordinary ken who, not having seen, can picture to himself the happy days at San Francisco.

But, as we said last year, the strange scenes to men who had read of the golden coast, the attractions provided in such glittering array as scarcely to leave time for sleep—refreshment there was in abundance—took the edge off the keenest desire for legislation, and the weightier matters of the law were left for a more convenient season.

We are by no means clear that the Order will be in any way the worse off for this delay, for, in common with many others, we have entertained the opinion that the bane of excessive legislation had about reached its culmination, and that a halt would do us no harm.

If, in the interval, the *Fratres* will study up what they want, and, more particularly, what they do not want done, and instruct their representatives accordingly, it is possible that at St. Louis we may act with more intelligent comprehension of the general idea, and so promote the general interest.

According to our notion, we have so far drifted in the current of present action that it will take long and persistent effort to get out of it, for it would seem that the general idea is indissolubly wedded to a great merry-making instead of the sober and laborious realities of legislation; more than this, we venture to predict that our present course will continue until the ceiling falls or some other avalanche overtakes us.

This accords with our quotation from his report last year and expresses our opinion, and we think the weight of authority the same way.

Colorado proceedings were not received, for which we cannot assign a reason.

Sir Charles Aikman, Grand Commander; Sir Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1883.

Sir Knight Withers, M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was present.

Grand Commander Munson, in his address, gives a full report of his official acts for the year. He also gives his views on non-affiliation as follows:

A matter of importance now being agitated in several Grand Jurisdictions is in reference to non-affiliation in Lodges and Chapters as relates to membership in a Commandery. In other words, is a Knight Templar's membership in a Commandery affected by reason of non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter? The law in some Jurisdictions is, that whenever a member of a Commandery becomes non-affiliated in either Lodge or Chapter from whatever cause, his membership in said Commandery ceases. We are agreed, doubtless, as regards non-affiliation by reason of suspension or expulsion. As regards the status by reason of a failure to pay dues, or voluntary dismission from Lodge or Chapter, our opinion is, that a Sir Knight is not nor ought to be cut off from his Commandery for these causes. This subject of non-affiliation, if left severely alone, will in due time work out its own cure. An unwilling horse is not a desirable animal to drive.

We quote the last sentence with unqualified approval. We do not believe in involuntary membership. He states

his belief in the doctrine of the Trinity with no uncertain sound. The committee to whom was referred the address made a report, which was adopted, containing the following :

We heartily affirm our faith in the doctrine of the Trinity, and endorse the "crede" as expressed in the report.

The following, which appears in the next page after the proceedings, seems to have been an important part of the meeting :

One of the most enjoyable and highly *relished* features of the Conclave was the banquet given by the Sir Knights of Charlotte, in the elegant rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. This closing (or rather opening) ceremony was distinguished by an elaborate *spread*, and the rapidity with which the said spread disappeared was a caution to future inviters. After a complete filling up came the spontaneous outbursts of wit promiscuously strewn around, interspersed with genuine song.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight Southgate. It is short, crisp and to the point.

Colorado is noticed.

Sir Eugene Grissom, Grand Commander; Sir James C. Munds, Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1883.

Of the condition of the Order Grand Commander Tatem in his address says:

The unprecedented prosperity and general harmony which have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the past year is a cause for real congratulation.

The dimit question caused some trouble. A member who was under indictment and a fugitive from justice, demanded a dimit, and received the same under a by-law, as follows :

"A member of a Commandery may receive a dimit, without a vote of the Commandery at a stated conclave, upon request made in open Commandery. *Provided* his dues shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him."

The Grand Commander decided :

That the dimit in question can be revoked, and the Commandery has not only the right to revoke said dimit, but that in my opinion it is its manifest duty to do so.

And cites several precedents therefore.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report on the question :

They unqualifiedly approve of the decision, the arguments on principle and the authorities sustaining the same, as to the power of a Commandery to revoke, for cause, a dimit granted to one of its members, provided the same has not in the meantime been deposited in and he becomes a member of another Commandery, and esteem the same a correct and forcible exposition of the law upon the subject.

All which shows the wisdom of our legislation requiring that such an application lie over from one regular conclave to another, and then a dimit be granted if no charges are preferred against the applicant.

A number of resolutions were adopted and a great deal of business transacted.

Sir Knight Carson makes a very full Report on Correspondence—one hundred and ninety-two pages.

In reviewing Alabama he gets excited over the "physical test" question. He is not a stickler for physical perfection, and in reply to the inquiry of Sir Knight Sayre, "tells us where the stopping place is," as follows:

Where common sense says halt, *we*, who are *not* physical perfectionists, would stop. We agree with you that "we must stop somewhere." COMMON SENSE, backed by decency, religion, Christianity, fraternity and the profession of our Christian order, is a good place to stop.

Do not get excited, Sir Knight Carson, opinion will come our way; wait awhile.

Colorado, 1882, is reviewed and receives kindly notice.

Sir Alex. F. Vance, Grand Commander; Sir James Nesbitt, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1883.

After the Grand Commandery was opened, we find the following:

On motion, all Sir Knights in good standing in full uniform, were admitted to the sessions of the Grand Commandery, except during the election of Grand Officers.

Why exclude any Sir Knight during election of Grand officers? We see no reason for it.

Under the head of Decisions the Grand Commander reports:

In reply to a question as to jurisdiction from the Eminent Commander of No. 51, I replied, there must be other objections than that of jurisdiction. It is not courteous for a Commandery to force candidates to go where they will not. A candidate, so long as he is under the tongue of good Masonic report, and there are no objections against him, should be at liberty to go where he will. Your Commandery should not

feel satisfied to have as members those who have no sympathy with you in any respect, who, in order to become Knights Templar, have been forced to join your Commandery. Such are not the teachings of Masonry or Templarism.

—The statute on the subject is given in another place as follows :

The Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania does not give its Subordinates exclusive jurisdiction. Article XII, Section 2, says, "An applicant . . . may apply to any Commandery within the jurisdiction, providing, should he apply to any Commandery other than the one nearest his place of residence, the Commandery nearest his place of residence shall be immediately notified of the application, and its consent obtained before conferring the orders." The Grand Commandery in 1872, and again in 1880, declared that the object of such consent was that the nearest Commandery was to certify as to the Masonic character of the candidate, and that a reasonable time should be given for said reply.

A large amount of discussion grew out of this question of jurisdiction of Commanderies. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances make a report covering ten pages on this subject, considering a dispute between two Commanderies, and approving the decision of the Grand Commander. Concurrent jurisdiction generally breeds trouble.

A question arose as to the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery over the proceedings of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The Committee on Jurisprudence, in a full report, use the following language :

The Grand Commandery has the right to have the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence read to them before its publication, and may direct what parts of it shall be published and what parts omitted, or, in other words—have full control and jurisdiction of the subject.

And, further, that the Grand Commander during the interim may order any part of the report suppressed.

A substitute was offered by Sir Knight Harper, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, to the effect that the Grand Commandery has the power to have the report read at length and to approve or disapprove of the whole or any part, but that the whole should be published and that this power could not be exercised by any other authority. The substitute was voted down and the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence adopted.

As there is no report on Correspondence, we presume Sir Knight Harper did not submit gracefully. We are sorry to miss his report.

Sir George T. Olin is chairman this year.

The Grand Recorder gives a full account of the proceedings of the twenty-second Triennial.

After closing there was a grand parade and review.

Sir Charles W. Batchelor, Grand Commander ; Sir Charles E. Meyer, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1884.

Regarding the condition of the Order, Grand Commander Robertson, in his address, says :

It is with much pleasure that I refer to the fact that harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, no word of discord or complaint having reached me during my term of office. Each Commandery, while they have not grown rapidly, has steadily increased in numbers, the Orders having been conferred in almost all the Commanderies of the State ; and further, the restrictions and qualifications for the Orders are more jealously guarded.

There was a parade, reception, address of welcome, and response ; services at the church, at which an eloquent sermon was delivered by the Grand Prelate ; after the close a concert, followed by a banquet, and, all in all, it was an enjoyable season.

A form for installation ceremonies and forms of prayer for opening and closing, for the use of the Grand Commandery, prepared by Sir G. C. Connor, Past Grand Commander, were approved, and are printed with the proceedings.

The Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery are printed in full.

No report on Correspondence.

Sir Gideon R. Gwynne, Grand Commander ; Sir Morton B. Howell, Grand Recorder.

 TEXAS—1884.

Grand Commander McCoy in his address, regarding the condition of the Order, says :

Templar Masonry, in Texas, is making steady progress ; about one hundred and eight new members have been added to the rolls during the past year. No remarkable event in the Order has taken place within that time.

The proceedings are of local interest.

The constitution and digest of Templar law of the United States are published in full.

After devotional exercises, the Grand Prelate delivered an able and interesting address.

Sir William T. Hardenbrook makes the Report on Correspondence. It is full and complete.

Colorado for 1883 is fairly reviewed.

Sir J. P. Harrison, Grand Commander; Sir R. Brewster, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1884.

Commenced by a parade and review, with reception of the Grand Commandery.

Sir Charles Roome, Deputy Grand Master Grand Encampment of the United States, was present, and received with the honors due his official station.

Under head of Decisions, in the Grand Commander's address, we find the following, and heartily approve the recommendation:

I have not recorded any decisions, as the basis of every one has been found in the Code of Statutes and General Regulations of the Grand Encampment, or in an application of accepted Masonic law and usage. In most instances a reference to the section and paragraph has been sufficient.

I would earnestly recommend that every Eminent Commander, upon entering upon the discharge of his duties, procure a copy of the Statutes and Regulations, and familiarize himself with the law of the Order. He should become familiar with the general law of Masonry, which is the same in all grades. By so doing he will not be embarrassed by ignorance, nor inconvenienced by leaning upon the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander gives a detailed account of the twenty-second Triennial, summing up according to what we think is the usual opinion, as follows:

As I look over the journey, shorn of the discomforts and annoyances that at times tried our souls, it seems like a grand holiday made up of pleasant scenes, meetings and incidents. It can never be effaced from my memory, and if I have dwelt upon it at tedious length, my only excuse is that it is a spontaneous outburst from an honest heart that in this way gives expression of the full appreciation I have of the honor conferred upon me. Much good comes from these National gatherings. It may not appear in the printed proceedings. It comes chiefly from the meeting of leading Masons from all over the country in conclave, and in social intercourse, discussing the important questions of the day, comparing views, obtaining light, imparting knowledge, cultivating friendship, and thus elevating our Order. You may not be able to participate in this, but if your representatives are not unworthy the trust imposed in them, *indirectly* you and your Grand Commandery will receive good from each Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The proceedings are of local interest.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Grand Prelate, F. S. Fisher. Colorado for 1883 receives kindly notice. He reviews fully the proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Alfred A. Hall, Grand Commander; Sir William C. Bradbury, Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1883.

The Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, M. E. Robert E. Withers, was present. An appropriate address of welcome was made by Sir Knight Sutherland, to which the Grand Master responded.

Grand Commander Coles, in his address, says :

There have been no conflicts or disturbances among the craft, no question of law or usage has been submitted to me for decision. These things, Sir Knights, speak well for and give convincing evidences of the intelligence of the officers and members of our Subordinate Commanderies, and of the forbearance they practice each towards the other.

We cannot forbear quoting the following from the address :

I have had the honor and pleasure of attending, as your representative the Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment at Baltimore, New Orleans, Cleveland, Chicago and San Francisco, and while it is a difficult matter as well as a delicate task to speak of attentions and hospitalities extended to visitors, and harder and more difficult and delicate still to draw distinctions on such a subject, yet in a few words I can say I have never witnessed or experienced more generous and knightly hospitalities and kindnesses than those extended by our Fraters on the Pacific coast.

Sir James A. Scott makes the Report on Correspondence. It covers more than a hundred closely printed pages, being very full and fair, yet he inferentially apologises for its shortness.

Colorado for 1882 receives kindly notice.

Sir John L. Roper, Grand Commander ; Sir William B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1883.

Grand Commander Collins opens his address as follows :

A review of the reports of our constituent Commanderies for the current year, gives us gratifying assurance of a continuance of the conditions of prosperity existing at our last annual conclave, and from inspections made and reports received I am confident that our Order in this jurisdiction was never in a healthier or more prosperous condition.

The short form of Malta Ritual was adopted.

From the following it seems to be the intention to attend strictly to business

Resolved by this Grand Commandery, That it will hereafter not accept any invitations to any banquets or other entertainments given during the annual conclave of this Grand Body in its honor by any Commandery at the place where such annual conclave is held.

Adopted.

We presume they will wait until the evening *after* the session closes.

Sir William C. Swain makes a short but good Report on Correspondence. Of our report he says :

Sir H. M. Orahood presented a brief Report on Correspondence, but one sufficiently pointed to make us wish he had more time, or his Grand Commandery more money.

The same conditions continue, Sir Knight ; nevertheless, thanks for the implied compliment.

In conclusion he says :

We have, in an imperfect manner, in the intervals of business life, reviewed the Proceedings of all the jurisdictions which have come to hand. And it is like reading a last year's almanac to go over those of a year and a half old, when a Triennial Conclave has intervened, and the glories of prize drills have crowded out all meaner things.

This is something of the feeling. I think, we all have.

Sir Geo. H. Benzenberg, Grand Commander ; Sir John W. Laffin, Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

The questions we stated and briefly gave our views upon two years ago still receive notice and evoke discussion, and in some instances have given considerable trouble—especially Uniform, Tactics and Drill, and Ritual. We have said all we desire, at least at present, on these questions.

We have, as usual, found much difficulty in selecting from the great abundance what we would like to give. Our space is limited and we have kept within bounds as nearly as possible. The work has been hurriedly done in moments taken as they could be caught from the duties of a busy, exacting profession. The results, such as they are, we submit with good will to all and malice toward none.

Courteously submitted,

H. M. ORAHOOD,

Chairman.

TABLE OF GAINS AND LOSSES

IN THE

UNITED STATES.

Prepared by Sir N. R. Ruckle, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Indiana.

| STATES. | Members, 1882. | Members, 1883. | Loss. | Gain. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Alabama | 222 | 245 | | 23 |
| Arkansas | 150 | 216 | | 66 |
| California | 1,184 | 1,551 | | 367 |
| Connecticut | 1,373 | 1,358 | 15 | |
| Colorado | 294 | 410 | | 116 |
| Georgia | 359 | 373 | | 14 |
| Iowa | 2,571 | 2,992 | | 421 |
| Illinois | 5,357 | 5,987 | | 630 |
| Indiana | 2,006 | 2,222 | | 216 |
| Kansas | 910 | 1,172 | | 262 |
| Kentucky | 1,417 | 1,486 | | 69 |
| Louisiana | 325 | 303 | 17 | |
| Maine | 1,638 | 1,746 | | 68 |
| Maryland | 755 | 775 | | 20 |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | 6,150 | 6,440 | | 290 |
| Michigan | 2,886 | 3,158 | | 262 |
| Minnesota | 912 | 1,167 | | 255 |
| Mississippi | 401 | 394 | 7 | |
| Missouri | 1,713 | 2,000 | | 287 |
| Nebraska | 485 | 546 | | 61 |
| *New Hampshire | 1,123 | 1,123 | | |
| New Jersey | 1,142 | 1,218 | | 66 |
| New York | 6,771 | 6,133 | | 362 |
| North Carolina | 107 | 121 | | 14 |
| Ohio | 4,164 | 4,787 | | 623 |
| Pennsylvania | 5,038 | 6,404 | | 366 |
| Tennessee | 765 | 757 | 8 | |
| Texas | 717 | 791 | | 73 |
| Vermont | 763 | 791 | | 38 |
| Virginia | 804 | 812 | | 8 |
| West Virginia | 292 | 305 | | 13 |
| Wisconsin | 1,399 | 2,624 | | 225 |
| Grand Encampment Subordinates | 1,613 | 1,806 | | 193 |
| Total | 56,947 | 62,218 | 47 | 5,408 |
| Net gain | | | | 5,361 |

*Report not received—estimates for 1883 same as preceding years.

Statistics of the Knights Templar of the United States, as shown by the the Reports of 1883.

Prepared by Sir N. R. Ruckle, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Indiana.

| GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | Date of Conclave at which Report was Made. | Date of Organization. | No. of Subordinates. | Knights. | Affiliated. | Reinstated. | Limited. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Died. | Total Membership. | Total Dues. |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|-------------|
| Alabama | May 16, 1883. | December 1, 1865. | 10 | 24 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 6 | .. | 7 | 245 | \$ 349 50 |
| Arkansas | May 8, 1883. | May 25, 1872. | 6 | 73 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 216 | 436 00 |
| California | April 12, 1883. | April 10, 1868. | 22 | 360 | 31 | 10 | 32 | .. | 3 | 23 | 1,551 | 3,385 00 |
| Colorado | September 21, 1883. | March 14, 1876. | 8 | 101 | 17 | 3 | 17 | 3 | .. | 3 | 410 | 914 00 |
| Connecticut | March 26, 1883. | September 13, 1827. | 11 | 66 | 3 | .. | 7 | 39 | .. | 35 | 1,358 | 475 50 |
| Georgia | May 16, 1883. | April 25, 1865. | 8 | 27 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 7 | .. | 6 | 373 | 800 00 |
| Illinois | October 21, 1883. | October 27, 1857. | 56 | 732 | 73 | 16 | 101 | 88 | 9 | 51 | 5,687 | 5,314 00 |
| Indiana | April 24, 1883. | May 16, 1864. | 28 | 288 | 26 | 14 | 67 | 28 | .. | 28 | 2,222 | 2,871 50 |
| Iowa | May 6, 1883. | June 6, 1864. | 46 | 527 | 64 | 23 | 109 | 17 | 1 | 27 | 2,992 | 2,556 50 |
| Kansas | May 18, 1883. | January 29, 1868. | 23 | 258 | 16 | 5 | 44 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 1,172 | 1,353 50 |
| Kentucky | February 16, 1883. | October 5, 1847. | 23 | 113 | 8 | 14 | 38 | 17 | .. | 20 | 1,486 | 1,410 00 |
| Louisiana | October 18, 1883. | February 4, 1864. | 5 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 4 | .. | 9 | 308 | 237 65 |
| Maine | May 2, 1883. | May 5, 1852. | 14 | 125 | 20 | 7 | 39 | 23 | .. | 22 | 1,746 | 811 50 |
| Maryland | November 28, 1883. | January 22, 1871. | 7 | 64 | 9 | 2 | 25 | 17 | 2 | 12 | 775 | 1,290 50 |
| Mass. and Rhode Island | October 31, 1883. | May 6, 1895. | 40 | 393 | 64 | 9 | 64 | 32 | 23 | 84 | 6,440 | 2,077 80 |
| Michigan | May 8, 1883. | January 15, 1857. | 35 | 357 | 45 | 10 | 66 | 33 | 1 | 37 | 3,158 | 2,830 53 |
| Minnesota | June 25, 1883. | October 23, 1865. | 15 | 201 | 17 | 2 | 23 | 10 | .. | 11 | 1,167 | 1,061 50 |
| Mississippi | May 9, 1883. | January 21, 1857. | 13 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | .. | 7 | 394 | 460 00 |
| Missouri | May 1, 1883. | May 24, 1870. | 42 | 320 | 46 | 13 | 69 | 26 | 1 | 19 | 2,000 | 2,718 00 |
| Nebraska | April 3, 1883. | December 22, 1871. | 12 | 66 | 13 | 2 | 18 | 3 | .. | 16 | 546 | 816 00 |
| New Hampshire | No report (totals from '82). | August 23, 1860. | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,123 | 665 50 |
| New Jersey | September 11, 1883. | February 14, 1865. | 14 | 114 | 7 | .. | 18 | 20 | 2 | 9 | 1,218 | 740 50 |
| New York | October 3, 1883. | June 8, 1814. | 53 | 586 | 53 | 56 | 84 | 156 | 2 | 91 | 7,133 | 4,517 00 |
| North Carolina | October 9, 1883. | May 10, 1881. | 5 | 17 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 121 | 155 00 |
| Ohio | October 10, 1883. | October 23, 1843. | 37 | 799 | 54 | 22 | 78 | 33 | 3 | 48 | 4,787 | 4,221 50 |
| Pennsylvania | May 29, 1883. | April 14, 1854. | 57 | 619 | 45 | .. | 70 | 136 | .. | 83 | 6,404 | 4,033 00 |
| Tennessee | May 1, 1883. | October 12, 1859. | 13 | 35 | 10 | 3 | 20 | 16 | 1 | 10 | 757 | 1,064 00 |
| Texas | April 18, 1883. | January 12, 1855. | 16 | 96 | 19 | 3 | 22 | 15 | 2 | 22 | 791 | 974 00 |
| Vermont | June 17, 1884. | June 17, 1844. | 9 | 62 | 4 | .. | 13 | .. | .. | 10 | 701 | 406 00 |
| Virginia | October 10, 1883. | November 27, 1823. | 16 | 70 | 13 | 6 | 16 | 12 | 2 | 18 | 812 | 592 50 |
| West Virginia | May 9, 1883. | February 25, 1814. | 7 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | .. | 4 | 395 | 155 00 |
| Wisconsin | October 9, 1883. | October 30, 1859. | 20 | 239 | 91 | 4 | 79 | 11 | .. | 19 | 1,624 | 1,868 00 |
| Grand Encampment Sub. | No returns in proceedings. | June 23, 1816. | 25 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,806 | .. |
| Total | | | 715 | 6,691 | 795 | 236 | 1,281 | 771 | 53 | 735 | 62,218 | \$51,762 48 |

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1884.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1—DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

[Dispensation January 13, 1866—Chartered September 18, 1868, by Grand Encampment of United States.]

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| George Clarence Roberts, E. C. | James M. Strickler, Treas. |
| Aaron Gove, G. | Oliver A. Whittemore, Rec. |
| Sidney A. Shepperd, C. G. | Theodore F. LaDue Std. B. |
| William E. Greenlee, Pre. | Daniel F. Carmichael, Swd. Br. |
| Orr Legge, S. W. | Leonard Cutshaw, War. |
| Charles A. Raymond, J. W. | Thomas Linton, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Allen, Henry E. | Cutler, Wm. H. | Johnson, Albert |
| Anstee, George | Dalley, John L. | Kavanagh, Rod. F. |
| Anthony, Webster D. | Danielson, Frank M. | Kelley, James |
| Armstrong, Andrew | Davis, Flavius N. | Kimball, George K. |
| Ashley, Eli M. | Duggan, George | Kirby, Marcellus C. |
| Ashley, John K. | Durell, E. P. | Klock, John I. |
| Babcock, William N. | Edbrooke, Frank E. | Kountze, Charles B. |
| Bailey, Hiram L. | Elbert, Samuel H. | Lambert, Joseph |
| Bailey, Joseph L. | Evans, John | Leiff, Joseph |
| Bates, Lewis N. | Felker, William B. | Long, Robert A. |
| Bayles, Benjamin | Fisher, Cyrus W. | Loper, Edward J. |
| Beal, Horace W. | Fitzgerald, M. J. | McCarty, Andrew J. |
| Bergh, Abraham | Flanders, Leonard H. | McConnell, J. G. |
| Billings, George N. | Fletcher, Donald | McLellan, Wm. W. |
| Bond, William M. | Fox, Jeremiah M. | Mack, Fred. |
| Boyer, John C. | France, Lewis B. | Milner, Joseph C. |
| Brooks, Edward J. | Gallup, Francis | Moore, David H. |
| Brown, J. Sidney | Gibbs, Wesley J. | Morrison, Thomas J. |
| Butterbaugh, George | Gird, Christopher C. | Monatt, John |
| Came, Virgil M. | Goddard, R. P. | Nicholl, Thomas |
| Chaney, Silas W. | Goodwin, H. S. | Nolds, Elisha J. |
| Cheesman, Walter S. | Graham, David B. | Norton, Samuel B. |
| Chivington, John M. | Graham, John W. | Oswald, Daniel C. |
| Christensen, John S. | Greenleaf, Lawrence N. | Palmer, William B. |
| Church, Frank | Hard, Frank J. | Pennock, Homer |
| Clarke, Clarence J. | Harrington, Benjamin F. | Perkins, William F. |
| Cline, Philo | Hartung, Hugo R. | Pierson, Robert K. |
| Cook, David J. | Hatten, Robert L. | Pochin, Joseph L. |
| Corning, George C. | Henry, Oren H. | Porter, James H. |
| Cramer, Fred. | Holsington, J. M. | Rainey, John D. |
| Cranmer, William H. H. | Howell, William R. | Reed, William |
| Cranston, Earl | Hutchins, Samuel A. | Riggs, Joseph S. |

MEMBERS.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Rinehart, William C. | Thompson, George W. | Wilgus, Thomas B. |
| Rogers, B. W. | Titcomb, John S. | Willoughby, E. A. |
| Routt, John L. | Todd, William D. | Wilson, Andrew D. |
| Scholtz, Edmund L. | Toovey, William | Wilson, Joseph C. |
| Schrader, Fred. C. | Tritch, George | Wilson, William J. |
| Skiff, Fred. J. V. | Tuttle, Herman B. | Winne, Peter |
| Skinner, Daniel T. | Van Horn, Marion D. | Winter, A. T. |
| Smedley, William | Vosburg, J. J. | Wolff, Alfred |
| Sopris, Richard | Wadsworth, Harrison L. | Woodbury, Roger W. |
| Spangler, Michael | Walley, John J. | Wright, George F. |
| Steele, Robert W. | Walsen, Fred. | Wyman, George |
| Stephens, Henry J., Jr. | Watkins, Leonard A. | Yunker, Jason T. |
| Stimson, Charles. | Wheeler, Byron A. | Ziegenfuss, Chas. O. |

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2—CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN
COUNTY.

[Dispensation November 8, 1866—Chartered October 28, 1868, by Grand

Encampment of United States.]

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| William Fullerton, E. C. | John Best, Treas. |
| Newton D. Owen, G. | Samuel I. Lorah, Rec. |
| Edward F. Clinton, C. G. | William C. Fullerton, Std. B. |
| David C. Collier, Prc. | Richard Harvey, Swd. Br. |
| Thomas H. Potter, S. W. | Caleb J. Martin, War. |
| George W. Mabee, J. W. | Clayton F. Becker, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Jones, Aaron M. | Orahood, Harper M. | Tallman, Jacob |
| Kline, Perry A. | Roberts, Daniel | Van Deren, Arch. J. |
| Lechner, George W. | Rust, William R. | Watson, Joseph W. |
| Mosley, Richard W. | Sayr, Hal. | Wells, Benjamin T. |
| Newcomb, Henry E. | Stebbins, Henry H. | Young, Francis C. |
| Nichols, Foster | Teller, Henry M. | |

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[Dispensation August 17, 1874. Chartered December 3, 1874, by Grand

Encampment of United States.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| H. M. Morse, E. C. | M. H. Fitch, Treas. |
| E. J. Castle, G. | C. E. Newcomer, Rec. |
| A. T. Fisher, C. G. | W. W. Stralt, Std. B. |
| S. H. Guernsey, Prc. | H. C. Banks, Swd. Br. |
| W. F. Townsend, S. W. | Chris. Wilson, War. |
| B. E. Veatch, J. W. | J. E. Smith, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Adams, Geo. S. | Hard, G. H. | Pattee, D. C. |
| Adams, Alva | Hillbourn, M. H. | Peabody, Jas. H. |
| Bartels, Julius L. | James, Rees | Parsons, Chas. S. |
| Banks, Horace N. | Johnson, Wm. E. | Root, Geo. H. |
| Bridwell, W. T. | Keeler, H. B. | Rose, Geo. W. |
| Bainbridge, Wm. | King, F. P. | Richards, Norman P. |
| Bradley, U. | Kane, W. B. | Shrock, F. H. |
| Bassett, Alden | Kilbourn, J. B. | Sargant, Ellis |
| Chilcott, Geo. M. | Lytte, R. E. | Stanton, I. W. |
| Campbell, A. R. | Norton, J. G. | Sweeney, W. H. |
| Collins, J. W. | Morgan, Geo. W. | Steen, Robt. A. |
| Cassedy, Geo. R. | Mark, Milton H. | Stewart, J. S. |
| Clough, A. | Miller, A. W. | Schundlap, J. D. |
| Crary, B. F. | Manley, Jno. W. | Thombs, P. R. |
| Collins, C. M. | Mee, James C. | Tripp, C. A. |
| Culver, W. E. | McMurtrie, Jno. A. | Tatnall, Geo. H. |
| Chew, Sam'l H. | McAnulty, R. E. | Taylor, Wm. C. |
| Clark, M. C. | McMurray, W. T. | Urmy, D. F. |
| DeRemer, Jas. R. | Nelson, Chas. F. | Usher, Wm. M. |
| Fourrell, W. H. | Orman, Jas. B. | Van Hovenberg, D.M. |
| Goodnight, Chas. | O'Hern, Jas. | Haskins, Chas. F. |
| Grant, Angus A. | Perkins, Geo. W. | Haskins, Benj. F. |
| Gardner, Sam'l H. | Pochon, Jos. J. | Guest, Thos. |
| Holland, Alfred G. | Parkhurst, L. W. | Miles, J. E. |

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4—GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK
COUNTY.

[Dispensation January 24, 1880. Chartered September 24, 1880.]

[Stated Conclaves first Wednesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Thomas Cornish, E. C. | Charles R. Fish, Treas. |
| Robert S. Morrison, G. | Ernest Le Neve Foster, Rec. |
| Franklin Strausser, C. G. | Peter M. Forstrand, Std. B. |
| William E. Barton, Pre. | James Lees, Swd. Br. |
| George Meyers, S. W. | John F. Phillips, War. |
| Fred. S. Johnson, J. W. | William H. Christie, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Barrett, George H. | Fletcher, Warren M. | Parmelee, Edward C. |
| Bates, Henry C. | Glaze, Daniel W. | Pollard, Charles W. |
| Boyer, Henry | Hambel, John R. | Pomeroy, Richard A. |
| Cornish, Nicholas D. | Jacobson, Charles H. | Wade, Charles H. |
| Criley, William W. | Love, Joseph A. | Ware, William W. |

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY No. 5—LEADVILLE
LAKE COUNTY.

[Dispensation May 1, 1880. Chartered September 24, 1880.]

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Albert H. Branch, E. C. | Allen T. Gunnell, Treas. |
| Joseph H. Playter, G. | Frank H. Officer, Rec. |
| William N. Burdick, C. G. | Albert B. Croskey, Std. B. |
| Arthur T. Playter, Pre. | William Guller, Swd. Br. |
| John W. Flintham, S. W. | William H. Bright, War. |
| James J. Bernard, J. W. | James B. Boone, C. of C. |

APPENDIX.

MEMBERS.

Alfred, John
Becker, Peter
Burchinell, William K.
Boettcher, Charles
Braden, William
Baker, Irving G.
Coston, Porter J.
Clode, William Y.
Clark, William M.
Cook, Thomas H.
Campbell, John W.
Drake, George W.
Dugan, George B.
DeLay, Robert L.

Ellis, William
Fancher, Becknell
Gruber, E. H.
Gay, Frank
Gutshall, S. P.
Hyde, Willard S.
Howell, Cornelius C.
Harker, Oliver H.
Harvey, John
Kelly, Jay G.
Kneale, Thomas
Mack, Jacob
Maxwell, John M.

Musser, John W.
McMillen, Neil
Nessel, Joseph
Pena, Sotero
Peterson, Peter A.
Rose, Francis
Reef, Joseph S.
Shanstrom, Perry G.
Smith, George R.
Van Wagenen, T. F.
Wheat, L. B.
Warren, Henry L.
Whennerah, R.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6—COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

[Dispensation April 18, 1881. Chartered September 13, 1881.]

[Conclaves third Monday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Anson E. Mook, E. C.
Joseph F. Humphrey, G.
Charles E. Edwards, C. G.
J. H. Keer, Pre.
James P. Barnes, S. W.
J. A. Hinebaugh, J. W.

L. C. Skinner, Treas.
Albert Matthews, Rec.
Geo. Aux, Std. B.
Edwin J. Eaton, Swd. Br.
James M. Ellison, War.
R. R. Crawford, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, B. P.
Barton, C. T.
Bletso, A. J.
Courter, John
Crowel, B. F.
Dillon, Chester H.
Dow, F. E.
Fairley, D. B.
France, Matt.
Fowler, Harry R.
Hafner, Oscar

Hughes, Thomas
Howarth, Geo. L.
Howbert, Irving
Lawton, Andrew L.
Lee, Charles A.
Low, Emery A.
Lytle, W. H.
Marston, James L.
Martin, F. L.
Merrill, W. H. D.
Peck, Oren H.

Pearcy, R. G.
Potter, John
Reynolds, J. E.
Sagendorf, Andrew
Summers, George
Smith, Walt. A.
Stout, B. F.
Stillman, John W.
Wanless, John
Willbur, Matthew C.

MT. SINAI COMMANDERY No. 7—BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Dispensation December 10, 1882. Chartered September 22, 1882.]

[Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

James P. Maxwell, E. C.
James A. Smith, G.
H. O. Dodge, C. G.
C. L. Spencer, Pre.
A. T. Henry, S. W.
Thos. Danford, J. W.

Chas Dabney, Treas.
H. E. Washburn, Rec.
J. E. Bemus, Std. B.
Geo. M. McClure, Swd. Br.
Alex. F. Safely, War.
James Stevens, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

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| Allison, William H. | Hubbell, Richard M. | Rogers, Platt |
| Bradley, H. N. | Hutchinson, D. J. | Smith, J. Alden |
| Butler, Thos. | Hathaway, Mark | Simpson, John H. |
| Buckley, John A. | Hosson, W. F. C. | Spangler, Geo. M. |
| Bardill, Conrad | Hottel, Isaac W. | Secor, Wm. W. |
| Brewer, C. W. | Ingersoll, C. L. | Sawyer, A. M. |
| Cheney, Lewis | Johnston, W. J. | Streamer, Frank M. |
| Chase, Geo. F. | Kohler, Fred. W. | Sturdevant, H. F. |
| Devlin, J. W. (Honorary) | Kempton, James | Titcomb, Hiram R. |
| Downer, Sylvester S. | Lea, Alfred E. | Whiteley, R. H. |
| Dickson, Lewis H. | Lockwood, Fred. | Webb, Chas. O. |
| Drumm, Henry | Metcalf, Eli P. | Wellman, Sylvanus |
| Davis, John | Macky, Andrew J. | Wilder, Eugene |
| Dell, Geo. T. | Miller, N. C. | Wimer, John A. |
| Denio, J. W. | Neikins, Geo. M. | Wilson, Thos. V. |
| Ellingham, John J. | Philippi, Fred. | Walker, Harlan P. |
| Eurgens, A. | Pine, B. Frank | Chambers, J. S. |
| Glessner, Chas. G. | Rowen, W. F. | |

GUNNISON COMMANDERY No. 8—GUNNISON, GUNNISON COUNTY.

[Dispensation May 28, 1883. Chartered September 21, 1883.]

(Conclaves second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.)

OFFICERS.

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| A. J. Bean, E. C. | Thos. C. Brown, Treas. |
| John J. Thomas, G. | Frank A. Root, Rec. |
| O. P. Abercrombie, C. G. | Cyrus W. Shores, Std. B. |
| Herman Bragg, Pre. | John H. Fesler, Swd. Br. |
| William J. Fine, S. W. | Edward W. Burton, War. |
| Eugene P. Shove, J. W. | Stephen F. Oliver, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

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| Blebel, Charles | Jennings, Nathaniel | Scribner, David C. |
| Brown, Ira | Jones, Harvey J. | Snyder, William |
| Chamblin, Albert K. | Kinkaid, John | Steele, Frank D. |
| Clemes, James H. | Maloney, Thos. J. | Sweeney, John |
| Cuenin, Joseph | Morgan, Charles H. | Wadsworth, Wm. H. |
| Dalley, John F. | Moseley, George T. | Waller, Marion S. |
| Davis, Orson C. | Olney, Henry C. | Williams, Henry |
| Duval, John C. | Roblee, Morgan A. | Woodhouse, F. B. |
| Gibson, John | Scott, William T. | Youngs, George |

CANON CITY COMMANDERY U. D.—CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY

Dispensation granted November 12, 1883, to—

James H. Peabody, E. C.
W. T. Bridwell, G.
Edwin C. Gray, C. G.

and eleven others.

Chartered September 19, 1884, as Canon City Commandery No. 9,
with—

James H. Peabody, E. C.
Wm. T. Bridwell, G.
Edwin C. Gray, C. G.

and—

Collins, Charles M.
Butler, Edward A.
Roe, Geo. W.
Parkhurst, Lemuel W.
Hoxie, James A.
Pauls, Charles
Campbell, James F.
Thompson, Louis C.
Engleman, Milton M.
Fort, Wm. E.
Hall, Linville J.

Craven, Thos. H.
Hall, Robert D.
Lawrence, Adley B.
Clelland, James
Davenport, Charles E.
Haskins, Charles F.
Mitchell, Geo. M.
Cassedy, George R.
Pattee, David C.
Johnson, Wm. E.
Dufur, Chas. E.

Chapman, J. P.
Bainbridge, Wm.
Hadden, George
Robertson, John
Harp, Wm. R.
Sartor, Augustus
Sell, Franz
Reynolds, Fred. A.
Milson, Joe W.
McGilliland, Wm. P.
McGrath, Miles

GREELEY COMMANDERY U. D.—GREELEY, WELD COUNTY.

Dispensation granted January 26, 1884, to

Merritt C. Edmunds, E. C.
Lafayette Reynolds, G.
Michael J. Hogarty, C. G.

and nine others.

Chartered September 19, 1884, as Greeley Commandery No. 10,

with—

Merritt C. Edmunds, E. C.
Lafayette Reynolds, G.
Michael J. Hogarty, C. G.

and—

Woodbury, J. A.
Eaton, B. H.
Jackson, H. B.
Randolph, Calvin
Matteson, Menzo C.
Austin, Olin
Wilson, Geo. E.
Hilton, B. W.

Armstrong, Andrew
Anderson, Peter
Boughton, Jay H.
Abbott, E. H.
Speer, A. F.
Smith, M. H.
Atkinson, Sharon
Protheroe, John T.

Freeman, James M.
Barry, Richard
Pollock, W. P.
West, Henry T.
Childs, F. L.
Arthur, J. B.
Monahan, Deane

IVANHOE COMMANDERY U. D.—DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY

Dispensation granted March 4, 1884, to

S. H. Thompson, E. C.
J. E. Meuser, G.
John Knowles, C. G.

and eleven others.

Chartered September 19, 1884, as Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11,

with—

S. H. Thompson, E. C.
J. E. Meuser, G.
John Knowles, C. G.

and—

Lindsay, T. P.
Wagstaff, D. R.
Heffron, J. J.
Clark, W. M.
McCormick, W. M.
Weaver, Geo.
Carter, W. B.
Darrow, W. S.
Pennington, J. L.
Kephart, Geo. W.
Rockwood, Thomas

Morawetz, Albert
Langley, J. C.
Young, Frank H.
Fassbinder, Peter
West, Geo. E.
Warren, W. D.
Breen, M.
Parsons, J. L.
Middaugh, W. H.
Shaw, D. J.

Killala, Frank
Lambert, Edward, Jr.
Hickey, Charles
Newman, Charles
Waters, J. H. E.
Bayly, William
MacGregor, D. C.
Freund, Geo.
Wigglesworth, Thos.
Longnecker, Will. T.

LONG'S PEAK COMMANDERY U. D.—LONGMONT, BOULDER COUNTY.

Dispensation granted June 2, 1884, to

George E. Wyman, E. C.
 Lewis H. Dickson, G.
 Thomas Butler, C. G.

and nine others.

Chartered September 19, 1884, as Long's Peak Commandery No. 12,

with—

George E. Wyman, E. C.
 Louis C. Dickson, G.
 Thomas Butler, C. G.

and—

Hubbell, R. M.
 Buckley, J. A.
 Dell, George T.
 Secor, W. W.
 Bardili, C.

Webb, Charles O.
 Denio, J. W.
 Carr, Byron L.
 Phillips, Geo. S.

Baker, Chas. H.
 Griffith, R. G.
 Webb, W. H.
 Andrews, F. V.

FORT COLLINS COMMANDERY U. D.—FORT COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY.

Dispensation issued October 1, 1884, to

Peter Anderson, E. C.
 Andrew Armstrong, G.
 Chas. L. Ingersoll, C. G.

and—

Hottel, J. W.
 Arthur, Jas. B.
 Brewer, C. W.

Sturdevant, H. F.
 Lee, Henry A.

Boughton, Jay H.
 Patton, David

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED FRATERS

WHO ARE

AT REST.

| | No. | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----------------|
| McDonald, M. A. . . . | 1 | Colorado | April 25, 1884. |
| Boone, A. G. | 1 | Colorado | July 14, 1884. |
| Thatcher, Henry C. . . | 3 | Pueblo | March 20, 1884. |

DIMITTED.

| | No. | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|------------------------------|-----|------------------------|---------------------|
| Hutchinson, James | 1 | Central City | October 18, 1883. |
| Thomas, John J. | 3 | Pueblo | September 21, 1883. |
| McKenzie, John | 5 | Mt. of the Holy Cross | June 25, 1884. |
| Bell, George H. | 5 | " " " | April 21, 1884. |
| Le Boutillier, G. T. | 6 | Pike's Peak | June 16, 1884. |
| Gibbs, W. J. | 7 | Mt. Sinai | December 10, 1883. |
| Moses, George N. | 8 | Gunnison | December 26, 1883. |
| Cook, Thomas H. | 8 | " | April 9, 1884. |

REINSTATED.

| | No. | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------------|---------------|
| Chivington, John M. . . . | 1 | Colorado | May 20, 1884. |

SUMMARY.

| COMMANDERY. | POSTOFFICE. | No. | Created. | Admitted. | Reinstated. | Died. | Dimitted. | No. 1884. | No. 1883. | Gain. | Dues Paid. |
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| Colorado | Denver | 1 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 2 | .. | 147 | 130 | 17 | 217 00 |
| Central City | Central City | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 29 | 27 | 2 | 30 00 |
| Pueblo | Pueblo | 3 | 13 | 6 | .. | 1 | 1 | 84 | 62 | 22 | 174 00 |
| Georgetown | Georgetown | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 27 | .. | 27 00 |
| Mount of the Holy Cross | Leadville | 5 | 13 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 52 | 39 | 13 | 117 00 |
| Pike's Peak | Colorado Springs | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 44 | 43 | 1 | 54 00 |
| Mount Sinal | Boulder | 7 | 10 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 65 | 54 | 11 | 114 00 |
| Gunnison | Gunnison | 8 | 8 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 39 | 30 | 9 | 71 00 |
| Canon City | Canon City | U. D. | 23 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | .. | 27 | 115 00 |
| Greeley | Greeley | U. D. | 14 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | .. | 25 | 70 00 |
| Ivanhoe | Durango | U. D. | 23 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 33 | .. | 33 | 115 00 |
| Long's Peak | Longmont | U. D. | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 6 | 30 00 |
| | Total | .. | 133 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 578 | 412 | 166 | \$1,139 00 |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| FROM | | TO |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wm. Fullerton, Black Hawk | Alabama | Daniel Smith, Mobile. |
| David J. Cook, Denver | Arkansas | Samuel L. Griffith, Little Rock. |
| Harper M. Orinwood, Denver | California | Henry Sayre-Orme, Los Angeles. |
| Michael Spangler, Denver | Connecticut | Joseph P. V. Odwarka, New London. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Georgia | John H. Estill, Savannah. |
| Henry M. Teller, Central | Illinois | Norman T. Bassette, Chicago. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Indiana | Salathiel T. Williams, Kendallville. |
| Irving W. Stanton, Pueblo | Iowa | John C. Schrader, Iowa City. |
| Porter J. Coaton, Buena Vista | Kansas | Owen A. Bassett, Lawrence. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Kentucky | Albert H. Gardner, Louisville. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Louisiana | Michael E. Girard, Opelousas. |
| Oliver A. Whittemore, Denver | Maine | George M. Howe, Portland. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | Maryland | Christian K. Kiehnacker, Baltimore. |
| Oliver A. Whittemore, Denver | Massachusetts and Rhode Island | Henry A. Pierce, Pawtucket, R. I. |
| David C. Collier, Central | Michigan | Hugh McDurdy, Corunna. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | Mississippi | Frederick Speed, Vicksburg. |
| E. L. N. Foster, Georgetown | Missouri | William P. Mulien, St. Louis. |
| Peter Winne, Denver | Nebraska | Daniel H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth. |
| Roger W. Woodbury, Denver | New Hampshire | Joseph W. Hildreth, Concord. |
| William D. Todd, Denver | New Jersey | Frederick G. Wales, Bordentown. |
| Harper M. Orinwood, Denver | New York | Perry Stowell, Lackport. |
| J. Montgomery Strickler, Denver | North Carolina | W. R. Cox, Raleigh. |
| Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown | Ohio | Joshua M. Booth, Cleveland. |
| John R. Hambel, Georgetown | Pennsylvania | William H. Eagle, Harrisburg. |
| M. H. Fitch, Pueblo | Tennessee | James D. Richardson, Murfreesboro. |
| | Vermont | Kittredge Haskins, Rutledgeboro. |
| | West Virginia | Charles F. Scott, Parkersburgh. |
| | Wisconsin | |

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Commandery, March 14, 1876.

| Date. | Grand Commander. | Deputy Grand Commander. | Grand Generalissimo. | Grand Captain General. | Grand Prelate. | Grand Treasurer. | Grand Recorder. |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1876, Mar. | Henry M. Teller. | W. D. Anthony. | I. W. Stanton. | J. M. Strickler. | *P. V. Finch. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1877, Mar. | W. D. Anthony. | I. W. Stanton. | H. M. Oranhood. | J. M. Strickler. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1878, Sept. | I. W. Stanton. | H. M. Oranhood. | J. M. Strickler. | M. Spangler. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1879, Sept. | H. M. Oranhood. | J. M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | M. H. Fitch. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1880, Sept. | J. M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | M. H. Fitch. | Wm. Fullerton. | *T. J. Mackay. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1881, Sept. | Michael Spangler. | M. H. Fitch. | Wm. Fullerton. | P. J. Coston. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1882, Sept. | M. H. Fitch. | Wm. Fullerton. | R. W. Woodbury. | P. J. Coston. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1883, Sept. | R. W. Woodbury. | J. P. Maxwell. | Horace N. Banks. | Geo. C. Roberts. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1884, Sept. | J. P. Maxwell. | Horace N. Banks. | C. H. Jacobson. | A. H. Branch. | Aaron Gove. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |

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ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

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| Alabama | Daniel Sayre | Montgomery. |
| Arkansas | James A. Henry | Little Rock. |
| California | Thomas H. Caswell | San Francisco. |
| Canada | Daniel Spry | Barrie, Ont. |
| Colorado | Ed. C. Parmelee | Georgetown. |
| Connecticut | Jos. K. Wheeler | Hartford. |
| Dakota | Edwin E. Sage | Sioux Falls. |
| Georgia | Samuel P. Hamilton | Savannah. |
| Illinois | Gil. W. Barnard | Chicago. |
| Indiana | John M. Bramwell | Indianapolis. |
| Iowa | John C. Parish | Des Moines. |
| Kansas | John H. Brown | Wyandotte. |
| Kentucky | L. D. Croninger | Covington. |
| Louisiana | Richard Lambert | New Orleans. |
| Maine | Ira Berry | Portland. |
| Maryland | Charles T. Sisco | Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | A. F. Chapman | Boston. |
| Michigan | Wm. P. Innes | Grand Rapids. |
| Minnesota | A. T. C. Pierson | St. Paul. |
| Mississippi | J. L. Power | Jackson. |
| Missouri | William H. Mayo | St. Louis. |
| Nebraska | Wm. R. Bowen | Omaha. |
| New Hampshire | George P. Cleaves | Concord. |
| New Jersey | Chas. Buchtel | Trenton. |
| New York | Robert Macoy | New York. |
| North Carolina | James C. Munds | Wilmington. |
| Ohio | James Nesbitt | Troy. |
| Pennsylvania | Charles E. Meyer | Philadelphia. |
| Tennessee | Morton B. Howell | Nashville. |
| Texas | Robert Brewster | Houston. |
| Vermont | Wm. C. Bradbury | Vergennes. |
| Virginia | William B. Isaacs | Richmond. |
| West Virginia | George F. Irvine | Wheeling. |
| Wisconsin | John W. Laflin | Milwaukee. |
| United States | Theodore M. Parvin | Iowa City, Iowa. |

OFFICERS OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.

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| ROBERT E. WITHERS . . . | <i>Wytheville, Va.</i> . . . | Grand Master. |
| CHARLES ROOME | <i>New York, N. Y.</i> . . . | Deputy Grand Master. |
| JOHN P. S. GOBIN | <i>Lebanon, Pa.</i> | Grand Generalissimo. |
| HUGH MCCURDY | <i>Obrunna, Mich.</i> . . . | Grand Captain General. |
| W. LARUE THOMAS | <i>Danville, Ky.</i> | Grand Senior Warden. |
| GEORGE C. PERKINS | <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> . . | Grand Junior Warden. |
| JOHN W. SIMONS | <i>New York, N. Y.</i> . . . | Grand Treasurer. |
| THEODORE S. PARVIN | <i>Iowa City, Iowa</i> | Grand Recorder. |
| GEORGE C. BETTS | <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> | Grand Prelate. |
| HENRY B. STODDARD | <i>Bryan, Texas</i> | Grand Standard Bearer. |
| GEORGE R. PARSON | <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| NICHOLAS VAN SLYOK | <i>Providence, R. I.</i> . . . | Grand Warder. |
| DAVID SMITH | <i>Mobile, Ala.</i> | Grand Captain of the Guard. |

The Twenty-third Triennial will be held at St. Louis, Missouri, on the third Tuesday in September, 1886, (21st day).

CODE OF STATUTES
OF
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR and the Appendant Orders of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

Jurisdiction.

SECTION 1. Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

Objects.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause annul and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise

between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

SECTION 1. The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in section 1, article II., of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

SECTION 1. The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at the City of Denver on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75).

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For Dispensation, ninety dollars (\$90); and for Charter, the further sum of ten dollars (\$10).

SEC. 3. Each Subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Commandery the sum of five dollars for each Knight Templar

dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of one dollar annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every Subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns, a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each Annual Conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

SECTION 1. Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committee of three Sir Knights each, viz.:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year and report at the next Annual Conclave; also, a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING ORDERS.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of August in each year, for such an amount as may be necessary to pay the dues due from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar. 1876, page 13.

Garfield's Tactics and Drill adopted for use and government of the subordinate Commanderies of Colorado. 1877, page 71.

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery donates to the M. W. Grand Lodge Library all the proceedings of its sister Grand Commanderies and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on the condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Commandery. 1878, page 18.

FORMS.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir———,

Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at ——, and to be known as —— Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir —— to be the first Commander; Sir —— to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir —— to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at ——, in the County of ——, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the Order.

Dated, ——

~~§2~~ The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of —— Commandery No. ——,
Knights Templar, stationed at ——, Colorado:*

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in —— Lodge No. —, and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. and R. A., in —— Chapter No. —, and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is _____

Residence, _____

Dated at _____, Col., _____, A. D. 18—.

Occupation, _____

We recommend Companion _____ to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report _____

_____, Col., _____, A. D. 18—, A. O. 76—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of _____ Commandery No. —,
Knights Templar, stationed at _____, Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, and late a member of _____ Commandery No. —, stationed at _____, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is _____

Residence, _____

_____, Col., _____, A. D., 18—, A. O. 76—.

Occupation, _____

We recommend Sir _____ to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.



GRAND OFFICERS.

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| SIR JAMES P. MAXWELL, Boulder..... | G. Commander |
| SIR HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo..... | D. G. Commander |
| SIR CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Georgetown..... | G. Generalissimo |
| SIR ALBERT H. BRANCH, Leadville..... | G. Capt. General |
| SIR AARON GOVE, Denver..... | G. Prelate |
| SIR A. J. BEAS, GUNNISON..... | M. S. Warden |
| SIR RICHARD HARVEY, Central City..... | H. J. Warden |
| SIR WM. D. TODD, Denver..... | G. Treasurer |
| SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, GEORGETOWN..... | G. Recorder |
| SIR SIDNEY A. SHEPHERD, Denver..... | G. Standard Bearer |
| TIE SAMUEL H. THOMPSON, DURANGO..... | G. Sword Bearer |
| SIR JAMES H. PRABODY, CRITCH CITY..... | G. Warder |
| SIR THOMAS LINTON, DENVER..... | G. C. of Guard |

COMMITTEES.

ON JURISPRUDENCE,

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| SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, DENVER. | SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, DENVER. |
| SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER, DENVER. | |

ON CORRESPONDENCE,

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| SIR HARPER M. GRABOOD, DENVER. | SIR ANDREW SAGENISIEP, DENVER. |
| SIR GRAND RECORDER. | |

ON TACTICS AND DRILL,

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| SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER, DENVER | SIR A. J. BEAS, GUNNISON |
| SIR GRAND RECORDER. | |

THE TENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Will be held in Denver on Friday after the third Tuesday in
September A. D. 1885 (18th day).

PROCEEDINGS
-- OF THE --
GRAND COMMANDERY
-- OF --
Knights Templar of Colorado



AT ITS TENTH CONCLAVE,

HELD AT DENVER.

September 18, A. D. 1885, A. O. 767.

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SIR AARON GOVE, DenverD. G. Commander.
SIR CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Georgetown.....G. Generalissimo.
SIR ALBERT H. BRANCH, Leadville.....G. Capt. General.
SIR JAMES H. PEABODY, Canon City.....G. Prelate.
SIR A. J. BEAN, Gunnison.....G. S. Warden.
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SIR GEORGE WYMAN, Longmont.....G. Warder.
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SIR JAMES P. MAXWELL, Boulder.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver. SIR HENRY T. WEST, GREELEY.
SIR ANDREW SAGENDORF, Denver.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

For 23d Triennial of Grand Encampment of the United States.
SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver. SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver.
SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.

OFFICERS OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.

ROBERT E. WITHERS...Wytheville, Va.....Grand Master.
CHARLES ROOME.....New York, N. Y. ...Deputy Grand Master.
JOHN P. S. GOBIN.....Lebanon, Pa.....Grand Generalissimo.
HUGH McCURDY.....Corunna, Mich.Grand Captain General.
W. LARUE THOMAS.....Danville, Ky.....Grand Senior Warden.
GEORGE C. PERKINS.....San Francisco, Cal.....Grand Junior Warden.
JOHN W. SIMONS.....New York, N. Y. ...Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE S. PARVIN...Cedar Rapids, Iowa Grand Recorder.
GEORGE C. BETTSSt. Louis, Mo.Grand Prelate.
HENRY B. STODDARD....Bryan, Texas.....Grand Standard Bearer.
JOHN R. PARSON.....St. Louis, Mo.Grand Sword Bearer.
NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK..Providence, R. I....Grand Warder.
DAVID SMITH.....Mobile, Ala.....Grand Captain of the Guard.

The Twenty-third Triennial will be held at St. Louis, Missouri, on the third Tuesday in September, 1886, (21st day).

GRAND COMMANDERY

OF COLORADO.

TENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

1885.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Colorado met in Annual Conclave at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery No. 1, in Denver, Friday, September 18th, A. D. 1885, A. O. 767, at 10 o'clock a. m.

With the following Sir Knights present:

OFFICERS:

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| JAMES P. MAXWELL, Boulder..... | G. Commander. |
| HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo..... | D. G. Commander. |
| CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Georgetown | G. Generalissimo. |
| ALBERT H. BRANCH, Leadville | G. Capt. General. |
| AARON GOVE, Denver | G. Prelate. |
| A. J. BEAN, Gunnison..... | G. S. Warden. |
| RICHARD HARVEY, Central City | G. J. Warden. |
| WM. D. TODD, Denver | G. Treasurer. |
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| SAMUEL H. THOMPSON, Durango..... | G. Sword Bearer. |
| JAMES H. PEABODY, Canon City..... | G. Warden. |
| THOMAS LINTON, Denver..... | G. C. of Guard. |

PERMANENT MEMBERS:

HENRY M. TELLER P. G. C.
 WEBSTER D. ANTHONY P. G. C.
 IRVING W. STANTON P. G. C.
 HARPER M. ORAHOOD P. G. C.
 JAMES M. STRICKLER P. G. C.
 MICHAEL H. FITCH P. G. C.
 ROGER W. WOODBURY P. G. C.
 WM. FULLERTON P. D. G. C.

and representatives from all (12) of the Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery was opened in KNIGHTLY FORM.

CREDENTIALS.

THE GRAND RECORDER,
 GRAND TREASURER, and
 GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

were appointed as a Committee on Credentials,

Who soon presented their report,

Which was adopted, and showed the following Sir
 Knights present:

GRAND OFFICERS AND PERMANENT MEMBERS,
 as before given.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

ALABAMA—WM. FULLERTON, Black Hawk.
 CALIFORNIA—HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver.
 GEORGIA—HENRY M. TELLER, Central City.
 ILLINOIS—HENRY M. TELLER, Central City.
 INDIANA—IRVING W. STANTON, Pueblo.
 IOWA—IRVING W. STANTON, Pueblo.
 LOUISIANA—ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.
 MARYLAND—ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.
 MISSISSIPPI—EDWARD H. COLLINS, Denver.
 MISSOURI—JAMES M. STRICKLER, Denver.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE—ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Georgetown.
 NORTH CAROLINA—ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.
 OHIO—WM. D. TODD, Denver.
 PENNSYLVANIA—HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver.
 TENNESSEE—JAMES M. STRICKLER, Denver.
 VERMONT—ED. C. PARMELEE, Georgetown.
 WISCONSIN—MICHAEL H. FITCH, Pueblo.

PAST COMMANDERS:

ANSON E. MOOK, Pike's Peak No. 6.
 ANDREW SAGENDORF, Pike's Peak No. 6.
 M. C. EDMUNDS, Greeley No. 10.

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(Those present in *Italics*.)

ALBERT H. BRANCH.
CHARLES H. JACORSON.
JOSEPH H. PLAYTER.

ON PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

WEBSTER D. ANTHONY.
AARON GOVE.
HORACE N. BANKS.

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

E. J. CASTLE.
S. H. THOMPSON.
E. P. SHOVE.

USE OF ASYLUM.

A communication from Colorado Commandery No. 1, tendering their Asylum for use of this Grand Conclave, was read and ordered placed on file.

The Grand Commander delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

It is with much humiliation that I am compelled to offer the Grand Commandery of Colorado an apology in lieu of the address rightfully expected on such an occasion as the Grand Conclave. But necessity knows no law, and the Bear River country over the range knows no Grand Commandery.

An intentional absence of thirty days in the western part of the State was prolonged through the discordant action of the elements, bad roads and broken vehicles, until but one day intervened between my arrival home and the meeting of the Grand Commandery, thus leaving barely time to report myself present, with a meagre account of the year's work.

Our progressive young State records barely ten years of State history, yet it now witnesses the Tenth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and we have reason to believe that the increase of membership in our Order has been proportionate to the rapid growth of our infant commonwealth.

The membership of 548 one year ago has been increased to 650, as is evidenced by the returns of the Grand Recorder, showing that more than 100 of the tried and trusty have been added to our list.

The pleasureable emotions experienced at these majestic strides in membership are only checked by the reflection that death loves a large as well as a shining mark, and hits the more readily where there are numbers at which to aim his poisoned shaft. The grim messenger has not made this year an exception. On the 30th day of

March, 1884, his alarm came to the door of the Asylum of Mt. Sinai Commandery of Boulder, and Lewis Cheney, an honored member of that Commandery, made answer to the call. Pueblo Commandery had a similar visitation. James O'Hern died November 20, 1884, and Julius L. Bartells, December 1, 1884.

My official duties during the past year have made but slight calls upon my time, for the reason, principally, that they have been made subservient to my business and family cares, and for the further reason, probably, that the officers of the Subordinate Commanderies have been considerate and forbearing in their draughts upon my inexperience.

But one Dispensation for a new Commandery has been formally asked for during the year, and that was granted October 1, 1884, to eleven Sir Knights at Fort Collins, Larimer County—recommended by Greeley Commandery—with Sirs Peter Anderson as Eminent Commander, Andrew Armstrong as Generalissimo and Charles L. Ingersoll as Captain General, to be known as Fort Collins Commandery U. D.

This application was the source of some embarrassment, owing to the close proximity of Long's Peak Commandery at Longmont and Greeley Commandery at Greeley, neither exceeding thirty or thirty-five miles from its location. But a personal visit to Fort Collins satisfied me of the healthy and strong condition of the Chapter there; and the high financial and Masonic standing of the applicants gave assurance of their zeal and ability to maintain a flourishing Commandery.

A promise was made that a suitable Asylum would be furnished within reasonable time, and their present elegant apartments, completely equipped, attest its fulfillment. I see no cause as yet to regret the favorable consideration of their application.

Special Dispensations were granted the Greeley, Canon City and Long's Peak Commanderies to attend divine services on appropriate occasions.

Applications were made by two Commanderies for Special Dispensations to turn out as organizations in full uniform on the occasion of the memorial services in honor of the late U. S. Grant, to be held August 8, 1885. With feelings of sincere respect for the illustrious dead, I was yet constrained to deny the Dispensations on the ground of being in contravention of the code of statutes of the Grand Encampment.

Application was made by one Commandery to confer the orders on a Companion under the allotted time, the reason assigned being that the Companion was going East and could not wait the time pre-

scribed by law. The reasons were deemed insufficient and the Dispensation denied. Masonic laws were not made to suit the convenience of the applicants, but for the protection of the Orders.

At our last Conclave Charters were granted to four new Commanderies—Greeley, Long's Peak, Canon City and Ivanhoe.

On September 24, 1884, I constituted Greeley Commandery and installed its officers.

On October 5 I performed the same services for Long's Peak Commandery at Longmont.

It being impracticable for me to visit the other Commanderies in person, I delegated authority to Sir Horace N. Banks, E. Deputy Grand Commander, to organize the Canon City and Ivanhoe Commanderies under their Charters and give the necessary instructions. This service Sir Knight Banks performed and made due returns of same.

I received a communication from R. E. Grand Commander J. S. Bangs, of Maine, requesting me to recommend a suitable Sir Knight to act as Grand Representative of that Grand Commandery. In response I suggested the name of Sir S. S. Downer, of Boulder.

My cash account is single entry and easily balanced. Ninety dollars was received from the Commandery at Fort Collins and duly turned over to the Grand Recorder.

DECISIONS.

The Grand Commander was called upon to make a ruling in the following case, viz:

A Commandery in this Jurisdiction met in regular conclave, at which time a Companion was duly elected to take the Orders. The Commandery was then closed and a Council of Knights of the Red Cross opened for the purpose of conferring the Order. The usual statement was then made, viz: "If there be no objection we shall proceed to confer the Order of the Red Cross upon the Companion elected." No objections appearing the work proceeded without interruption until sometime after the return from the banquet hall, when positive objections were made to the further progress of the work. The Eminent Commander thereupon refused to complete the conferring of the Order pending the decision of the Grand Commander.

Ruling.—Section 29 of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment gives any member in good standing the right to object to the conferring of the Order, and such objection acts as a complete bar. The question arising in this case was whether a member could interpose an objection in the midst of the ceremony for reasons that

existed prior to the initial steps. I held that the words "conferring the order" had reference to the ceremony as a whole and not to the mere act of creating; that it was impracticable to separate any essential part of the ceremony from the rest and make the conferring depend upon that part alone, and that the creating was the culminating act of the ceremony, but was no more essential than the obligation which was the first.

The Companion had practically received the Order, having taken the obligation, been invested with the pass, assumed the character of Zerubbabel and participated in the banquet, and only lacked the formal act of receiving and constituting. I gave instruction that the ceremony be completed at the earliest convenience of the Commandery.

My predecessor called attention to the fact that the Grand Encampment at San Francisco adopted a revised ritual of the Order of Malta, in two forms, but not having received a copy of the ritual was unable to make any suggestion as to which form to adopt. Our last Conclave through inadvertency failed to take any action in the matter. I therefore made a general order that the several Commanderies under this Jurisdiction might use the long or short form of ritual, as to them seemed best, but that no Knight of Malta should be created unless received according to one or the other of the formulas. Said order to be in force until revoked by competent authority,

Ten copies of the ritual were received by the Grand Recorder, and were, by order, distributed among the several Eminent Commanders, with instructions that they receipt for the same and turn them over to their successors in office.

The above, Sir Knights, is a brief synopsis of my official acts.

While sensible of the high honor conferred in exalting me to the position of Grand Commander (and I shall ever cherish the recollection of it as the bright particular star in the heaven of my Masonic world), I am still not reluctant to relinquish the charge, feeling much like the usurper who has occupied the Throne to the exclusion of those who could devote more time to the discharge of the peculiar duties incumbent upon the office, and who are more skilled in the Sublime Mysteries of the Art.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion, the address was referred to a special committee for division and reference.

SIR W. D. ANTHONY,
SIR I. W. STANTON and
SIR A. SAGENDORF

were appointed said committee.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The following was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

WM. D. TODD, GRAND TREAS., IN ACC. WITH GRAND COMMANDERY, K. T. COLO.

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| Sept. 19, 1884 | To balance as per last report | \$2,926 49 | |
| Oct. 6, 1884 | " Grand Recorder | 90 00 | |
| Dec. 26, 1884 | " " " | 45 00 | |
| Sept. 15, 1885 | " " " | 1,097 00 | |
| Sept. 18, 1885 | " " " | 8 00 | |
| | By warrant 41 | | \$ 50 00 |
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| | " " 3 | | 9 45 |
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| | " " 5 | | 190 00 |
| | " " 6 | | 210 00 |
| | | | <u>\$ 584 45</u> |
| Sept. 18, 1885 | To balance | | 3,582 04 |
| | | <u>\$4,166 49</u> | <u>\$4,166 49</u> |

For which find certified check, with vouchers for disbursements.
 Courteously submitted,

WM. D. TODD,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The following was read, and the financial part thereof was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the balance to the Committee on Returns and Work:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

September 19, 1884, Charters were issued to—

Canon City Commandery No. 9, stationed at Canon City, Sir James H. Peabody, E. C.

Greeley Commandery No. 10, stationed at Greeley, Sir Merritt C. Edmunds, E. C.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11, stationed at Durango, Sir Samuel H. Thompson, E. C.

Long's Peak Commandery No. 12, stationed at Longmont, Sir Geo. Wyman, E. C.

Besides our usual exchanges, I have received—

Vol. I, 1890 and 1870—Reprint of Proceedings of Grand Commandery of Missouri; and

Templar Masonry in Illinois, 1857-1881:

And have placed the same in the Grand Lodge Library.

I have drawn warrants on our Grand Treasurer—

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| On account of contingent fund | \$ 50 00 |
| " " " salaries | 125 00 |
| " " " bills allowed | 9 45 |
| " " " jewel | 190 00 |
| " " " printing | 210 00 |
| Total | <u>\$584 45</u> |

I have received—

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| Sept. 19, 1884. | For Charter Canon City No. 9 | \$ 10 00 |
| Sept. 19, 1884. | " " Greeley No. 10 | 10 00 |
| Sept. 19, 1884. | " " Ivanhoe No. 11 | 10 00 |
| Sept. 19, 1884. | " " Long's Peak No. 12 | 10 00 |
| Sept. 19, 1884. | balance dues Mt. Sinai No. 7 | 1 00 |
| Oct. 3, 1884. | Dispensation Fort Collins Commandery | 90 00 |
| Oct. 29, 1884. | balance dues Pueblo No. 3 | 4 00 |
| Aug. 31, 1885. | dues Ivanhoe No. 11 | 74 00 |
| Sept. 1, 1885. | " " Mt. of the Holy Cross No. 5 | 106 00 |
| Sept. 2, 1885. | " " Colorado No. 1 | 191 00 |
| Sept. 2, 1885. | " " Canon City No. 9 | 80 00 |
| Sept. 3, 1885. | " " Georgetown No. 4 | 25 00 |
| Sept. 5, 1885. | " " Greeley No. 10 | 72 00 |
| Sept. 7, 1885. | " " Central City No. 2 | 47 00 |
| Sept. 7, 1885. | " " Pike's Peak No. 6 | 40 00 |
| Sept. 7, 1885. | " " " " —balance for 1883 | 18 00 |
| Sept. 7, 1885. | " " Gunnison No. 8 | 60 00 |
| Sept. 7, 1885. | " " " " —balance for 1884 | 8 00 |
| Sept. 8, 1885. | " " Mt. Sinai No. 7 | 70 00 |
| Sept. 9, 1885. | " " Long's Peak No. 12 | 88 00 |
| Sept. 10, 1885. | " " Pueblo No. 3 | 134 00 |
| Sept. 10, 1885. | " " Greeley No. 10—balance | 9 00 |
| Sept. 12, 1885. | " " Fort Collins U. D. | 75 00 |
| Sept. 16, 1885. | " " Ivanhoe No. 11—balance | 8 00 |
| Total | | \$1,240 00 |

I have paid—

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| Oct. 3, 1884. | To Grand Treasurer | \$ 90 00 |
| Dec. 26, 1884. | " " " | 45 00 |
| Sept. 16, 1885. | " " " | 1,105 00 |
| Total | | \$1,240 00 |

The incidental expenses of my office have exceeded the appropriation of fifty dollars by the sum of thirty cents. An itemized account of said expenses is herewith submitted.

All the Commanderies have made returns and paid dues.

Fort Collins Commandery U. D., stationed at Fort Collins, has made returns and paid dues on fifteen Sir Knights created.

I secured reduced rates from the Union Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande, Denver & New Orleans and Denver, Utah & Pacific railroads of one and one-fifth fare for the round trip, for members of this Grand Conclave. The Union Pacific and Denver & New Orleans extended the same courtesy to the ladies accompanying the delegates. I notified the Commanderies and permanent members of the arrangement.

Courteously submitted,

ED. C. PARMELEE,
Grand Recorder.

Sir Aaron Gove offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

That hereafter each application to receive the Orders of Knighthood in this Jurisdiction shall bear upon its face the following words: "This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information save that he

is rejected ; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information, as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and upon conviction, expelled from the order."

It is hereby declared to be the duty of the Recorder of each Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery, to read the above words at the time and in the same manner as the rest of the application is read, at a regular Conclave of his Commandery.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Henry M. Teller as a member of the Committee on Jurisprudence to fill vacancy.

REPORT ON ADDRESS.

Sir W. D. Anthony presented the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the R. E. Grand Commander submit the following report :

We recommend that the names of the deceased Sir Knights mentioned be placed in the Tablet of those "at rest," in the printed proceedings.

That that part of the Address referring to Dispensations for new Commanderies be submitted to the Committee on "Returns and Work."

That part referring to Decisions and Special Dispensations be submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the appointment of Sir S. S. Downer as Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Maine be approved.

That portion relating to the Ritual of the Order of "Knights of Malta" we recommend the following resolution be adopted :

Resolved, That the Ritual, as promulgated by the General Grand Encampment of the U. S. at the Triennial Conclave held in 1883, and known as the "short form" of Ritual, be and hereby is adopted as the work of said order in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Courteously submitted,

W. D. ANTHONY,
IRVING W. STANTON,
A. SAGENDORF,
Committee.

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir Knight R. W. Woodbury presented the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution of Sir Grand Prelate, courteously report that in their opinion it will be

sufficient to publish the first clause upon the petition, and the adoption of the whole as amended, as a standing order. Your Committee therefore so recommend.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY,
H. M. TELLER,
W. D. ANTHONY,
Committee.

The Standing Order reads:

A rejected candidate shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and upon conviction, expelled from the order. It is hereby declared to be the duty of the Eminent Commander or Recorder of each Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery, to publish this statute to his Commandery whenever a petition for the orders shall be voted upon by his Commandery.

REPORT ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Sir W. D. Anthony presented the following, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances take pleasure in reporting that harmony and fraternal fellowship prevail in our Order to that extent that no appeal or grievance has been submitted for our action.

Courteously submitted,

W. D. ANTHONY,
AARON GOVE,
H. N. BANKS,
Committee.

TIME OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Sir H. M. Orahoad offered the following, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That Article 5 of the Code of Statutes be amended as follows The words "the third Tuesday of September of each year" be changed to read the "first Tuesday in October;" *Provided, however*, that this change shall only apply to the Annual Conclave for 1886. Thereafter the article shall stand and be as it now reads without further vote or action of this Grand Commandery, the intention being merely to change the time of meeting of the next Annual Conclave on account of the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND CONCLAVE.

FRIDAY, September 18, 1885, 2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment.

Sir James P. Maxwell, presiding.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

Sir Harper M. Orahood presented the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your Committee on Finance report that they have examined the report made by the Grand Treasurer and find the same correct.

They have also examined the financial part of the Grand Recorder's report and find the same correct.

Your Committee further recommend that the sum of thirty cents be paid the Grand Recorder, balance due him in contingent fund, and that the sum of seventy-five dollars be placed to the credit of the Grand Recorder, to be used by him, or such part thereof as may be necessary, as a contingent fund for the ensuing year.

The Committee further recommend that a warrant be drawn in favor of the Grand Recorder for one hundred and twenty-five dollars for services for the past year, and a warrant in favor of the Grand Captain of the Guard for twenty-five dollars for services at this Annual Conclave.

H. M. ORAHOOD,
CHAS. L. SPENCER,
H. T. WEST.

Committee.

REPORT ON RETURNS—CHARTER ORDERED GRANTED.

Sir Albert H. Branch presented the following, which was adopted, and a Charter ordered issued as therein recommended :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your Committee on Returns and Work respectfully report that they have examined the returns of all chartered Commanderies, and of Fort Collins Commandery U. D.

We find the returns of the Chartered Commanderies correct, with the following exceptions:

Boulder Commandery No. 7 owes \$1 Grand Commandery dues.

The report from Long's Peak Commandery No. 12 has no seal attached. We recommend that they be allowed to make the necessary correction.

The records of Fort Collins Commandery U. D. show that on March 5, A. D. 1885, a regular Conclave was held without the constitutional number of Sir Knights being present, the records of that Conclave stating that there were present "representatives from three different Commanderies," but do not show that they were acting under a legal warrant from the Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment of the United States, as your Committee find is required by Templar Law. We find that there was no business transacted at said Conclave except payment of bills and routine business. As your Committee believe the meeting was held under a misapprehension of Templar Law, and that no injury can arise from the proceedings had at said Conclave, we would therefore recommend that said Commandery at their next regular Conclave be empowered to legalize said proceedings by a vote of said Commandery.

We find that with this exception, the records are neatly and accurately kept; that they have constituted and created fifteen Sir Knights, and have paid Grand Commandery dues on the same. We would therefore recommend that a charter be issued under the name of De Molay Commandery No. 13, with Peter Anderson E. C., Andrew Armstrong, Generalissimo, and Charles L. Ingersoll, Captain General, according to the prayer of their petition.

All of which is courteously submitted,

ALBERT H. BRANCH,
CHAS. H. JACOBSON,
JOS. H. PLAYTER,

Committee.

JEWEL TO P. G. COMMANDER WOODBURY.

Sir James P. Maxwell presented the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your Special Committee, appointed to procure a suitable jewel, properly inscribed, and present the same to Past R. E. Commander R. W. Woodbury in the name of this Grand Commandery, would respectfully report that the pleasurable duty was performed, with the assistance of the artistic tastes of Sirs Anthony and Todd, and through the courtesy of Colorado Commandery No. 1, the jewel was presented to Sir Woodbury at one of its regular Conclaves. The jewel is much easier seen than described; we therefore suggest that Sir Knight Woodbury be requested to stand up and exhibit it.

DESCRIPTION OF THE JEWEL.

The jewel is the double or Patriarchial cross, of solid gold, nearly three inches in length, resting upon a silver background representing the rays of the sun. Through the cross, obliquely and at right angles to each other, are the Templars' sword and mace or royal scepter. The edges of the cross are inlaid with small triangles in black enamel; above is the keystone of the Chapter, with the letters peculiar to this emblem, and also the "mark" of Companion Woodbury. Above this is the Templars' cross, bearing the cross and crown and the motto of the Order: "*In hoc signo vinces.*" This last emblem rests upon a long gold and enameled crescent, which forms the pin, from which the entire jewel is suspended; the whole resting upon a heavy silk ribbon, the upper part being black and the lower white, in representation of

the "Beauseant" of the Order. The cross is set with two large stones, emerald and ruby, the green and red being emblematic colors. Upon the back is the following inscription:

By Resolution
of
Grand Commandery, K. T.,
of Colorado,
Presented to
ROGER W. WOODBURY, P. G. C.,
P. G. H. P. and P. G. M. of Colorado,
P. M. Union Lodge No. 7,
P. H. P. Denver Chapter No. 2,
P. E. C. Colorado Commandery No. 1,
September 19, 1884.

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir R. W. Woodbury presented the following, which was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have had under consideration the special Dispensations granted by the R. E. Grand Commander, and the single decision reported by him. Your Committee courteously report that the Special Dispensations granted were proper; and the decision should be approved.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY,
W. D. ANTHONY,
H. M. TEILLER,
Committee.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Harper M. Orahood presented the Report on Correspondence, which was, on motion of Sir M. H. Fitch, ordered published with our proceedings. [See Appendix.]

GENERAL ORDERS.

General Order No. 2, issued by M. E. Robert Enoch Withers, Grand Master,

Announcing the recognition of the "Supreme Great Priory of Canada,"

And General Order No. 3,

Announcing the intended departure of the M. E. Grand Master,

Were read and ordered placed on file.

DECISIONS TO BE COMPILED.

On motion of Sir Wm. D. Todd, the Grand Recorder was directed to compile and publish with the proceedings of this Annual Conclave, all the decisions made by the Grand Commander and all Past Grand Commanders still remaining in force,

And that the Grand Recorder be allowed the sum of twenty-five dollars as compensation for said labor.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Sirs Charles L. Spencer and Henry T. West were appointed to collect the ballots.

The voting resulted in the election of—

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| SIR HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo | G. Commander. |
| SIR AARON GOVE, Denver | D. G. Commander. |
| SIR CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Georgetown | G. Generalissimo. |
| SIR ALBERT H. BRANCH, Leadville | G. Capt. General. |
| SIR JAMES H. PEABODY, Canon City | G. Prelate. |
| SIR A. J. BEAN, Gunnison | G. S. Warden. |
| SIR RICHARD HARVEY, Central City | G. J. Warden. |
| SIR WM. D. TODD, Denver | G. Treasurer. |
| SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, Georgetown | G. Recorder. |

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were unanimously re-elected.

ESTABLISHING NEW COMMANDERIES.

Sir Wm. D. Todd offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the advice of Grand Commander Maxwell in his address, upon the impropriety of establishing new Commanderies, unless sufficiently far removed from old Commanderies as not to interfere with their efficiency, receives the hearty endorsement of this Grand Commandery.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Commander-elect announced the following appointments:

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| SIR SIDNEY A. SHEPPERD, Denver | G. Standard Bearer. |
| SIR SAMUEL H. THOMPSON, Durango | G. Sword Bearer. |
| SIR GEORGE WYMAN, Longmont | G. Warden. |
| SIR THOMAS LINTON, Denver | G. C. of Guard. |

INSTALLATION.

Grand Commander Sir James P. Maxwell installed Sir Horace N. Banks, Grand Commander-elect, who installed the other elected and appointed officers, except the Grand Warder, who was not present.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees:

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.
SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver.
SIR JAMES P. MAXWELL, Boulder.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver.
SIR HENRY T. WEST, GREELEY.
SIR ANDREW SAGENDORF, Denver.

THANKS.

The following were adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1 for the free use of their Asylum for this Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to the Union Pacific, the Denver & Rio Grande, the Denver, Utah & Pacific, and the Denver & New Orleans railroads, through their General Agents in Denver, for courtesies extended to our members.

TWENTY-THIRD TRIENNIAL.

Sir H. M. Orahood offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed on Arrangements for 23d Triennial of Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held at St. Louis, Missouri, September 21, 1896, and that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the necessary expenses of rent of headquarters and badges,

And

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver,
SIR WEBSTER D. ANTHONY, Denver, and
SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver,

Were appointed said Committee.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes were then read and approved,
And the Tenth Annual Conclave was closed in SOL-
EMN and KNIGHTLY FORM, to meet in Denver on Friday
after the first Tuesday in October (8th day), 1886, at 10
o'clock a. m.

HORACE N. BANKS,

Grand Commander.

Attest—

E. H. Parker

Grand Recorder.



Appendix.

Report on Correspondence.

List of Membership.

Statistical Tables.

Statutes.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following-named jurisdictions:

Alabama..... 25th Annual Conclave...May 20, 1885.
Arkansas..... 13th Annual Conclave...May 12, 1885.
California..... 27th Annual Conclave...April 30, 1885.
Canada..... 9th Annual Conclave...July 8, 1884.
Connecticut..... 58th Annual Conclave...March 17, 1885.
Dakota..... 2d Annual Conclave...June 16, 1885.
Georgia..... 24th Annual Conclave...May 20, 1885.
Illinois..... 28th Annual Conclave...October 28, 1884.
Indiana..... 31st Annual Conclave...April 28, 1885.
Iowa..... 21st Annual Conclave...October 9, 1884.
Kansas..... 17th Annual Conclave...May 12, 1885.
Kentucky..... 38th Annual Conclave...May 20, 1885.
Louisiana..... 22d Annual Conclave...February 13, 1885.
Maine..... 33d Annual Conclave...May 7, 1884.
Maryland..... 14th Annual Conclave...April 14, 1884.
Mass. and Rhode Island...79th Annual Conclave...October 31, 1884.
Michigan..... 29th Annual Conclave...May 12, 1885.
Minnesota..... 19th Annual Conclave...June 24, 1884.
Missouri..... 24th Annual Conclave...May 5, 1885.
Nebraska..... 12th Annual Conclave...April 22, 1884.
New Hampshire..... 25th Annual Conclave...September 30, 1884.
New Jersey..... 26th Annual Conclave...September 9, 1884.
New York..... 71st Annual Conclave...October 14, 1884.
North Carolina..... 4th Annual Conclave...October 14, 1884.
Ohio..... 42d Annual Conclave...October 8, 1884.
Pennsylvania..... 31st Annual Conclave...May 27, 1884.
Tennessee..... 23d Annual Conclave...May 12, 1885.
Texas..... 32d Annual Conclave...April 15, 1885.
Vermont..... 43d Annual Conclave...June 9, 1885.
Virginia..... 62d Annual Conclave...October 8, 1884.
West Virginia...10th and 11th Annual Conclaves...1884-5.
Wisconsin..... 26th Annual Conclave...October 14, 1884.

- Mississippi has not been received.

ALABAMA—1885.

Grand Commander Holtzclaw, in his address, reports an improved condition of the Order throughout the jurisdiction. He goes into the history of the foundation of the Order in a discursive but pleasant way.

Regarding the Grand Encampment, he says:

I am happy to report to you, that the Grand Commandery of Alabama is in full accord and harmony with the Grand Encampment of the United States, and all the Subordinate G. C's of that august body.

Tactics and Drill received considerable attention, and a committee was appointed to report at the next Annual Conclave.

There were no appeals or grievances.

Sir Knight Sayre again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is full, and the comments and criticism are fair and fraternal. Colorado for 1884 receives kindly notice.

Sir George F. Moore delivered an eloquent address to the Grand Commandery, abounding in historical facts. It is published in full.

Sir James T. Holtzclaw re-elected Grand Commander; Sir Daniel Sayre re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1885.

From the Grand Commander's Address we take the following:

Templar Masonry within this Jurisdiction is steadily progressing. During the past year two Commanderies have been instituted, and a large number of Sir Knights added to our rolls. A spirit of inquiry and emulation has been awakened among our members, which bids fair to result in permanent benefit to the Order. Peace and harmony reign supreme throughout our Jurisdiction, and although not entirely exempted from mortals' common lot of cares and sorrows, on the whole we have much cause for gratitude to our Supreme Ruler.

Under the head of decisions, we have the usual report of Grand Commanders:

During my term of office no questions of interest have been presented for my decision. I have received quite a number of inquiries, all of which were covered by decisions in the Code and Digests.

The Grand Commandery, as a body, attended Ascension Day services at Christ Church.

Sir Benjamin F. Atkinson, Grand Commander; Sir James A. Henry, re elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1885.

As usual, the proceedings at this Conclave show a large attendance and a great amount of business transacted.

From Grand Commander Petrie's address we take the following :

I am most happy to state that peace and prosperity reign within our jurisdiction, and the greatest harmony and good feeling exist, not only between this and sister Grand Commanderies, but between all of the Subordinate Commanderies.

The Ritual of Malta, full form, as adopted by the Grand Encampment, was exemplified by *Golden Gate Commandery*.

There was a Grand Parade and Public Review, in which fourteen Commanderies participated; a grand ball at the Pavilion, and a competitive drill.

Grand Recorder Caswell makes the Report on Correspondence.

He insists on publishing his report as a part of the Proceedings, and not as an *Appendix*. It is merely presented and ordered printed; it is not read and is not approved by the Grand Commandery. In our opinion it does not properly belong in the Proceedings, but should be published separately. Then too, it is more convenient in every way, we think, as an *Appendix*.

The report, as we should expect, is full and complete.

In reviewing Iowa we find the following on the Asylum question, which we heartily approve:

In California orphan asylums are abundant, and the widows and orphans of Masons are well taken care of by the various Lodges

without placing them in public asylums. The project of building such a resort for the widows and orphans of Masons meets with little favor in this State. We prefer to keep our widows and orphans in such a way that they shall not feel the loss of independence by becoming subject to eleemosynary laws or regulations, or cause the sundering of family ties by compelling them to take refuge in asylums.

We quote his closing remarks :

From a close inspection of the field, we come to the conclusion that the Order, taken as a whole, was never more prosperous than now. All is peace and harmony ; a slight friction between Maryland and Louisiana, which we trust a little of the oil of fraternity will speedily remove ; but aside from that no note of discord jars upon general harmony throughout the world. Canada has obtained her release from an irksome allegiance, and at once blossomed into a Supreme and Sovereign Grand Body. The chief subjects of discussion in Templar circles at present are the Holy Trinity, Tactics and Drill, Observance of Holy Days, and the Grand Encampment.

Sir Philip W. Keyser, Grand Commander ; Sir Thomas H. Caswell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA—1884.

As usual, the principal feature is the address of Sir Knight Moore, Great Prior. The action of last year in making a declaration of independence is fully reviewed, and not fully approved, but reluctantly acquiesced in.

A communication from H. R. Highness the Prince of Wales was read, from which we take the following :

In reply, I am commanded by the Prince of Wales, our Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, to say, that as the members of your Great Priory have no doubt arrived at this decision after due and ample consideration of all the circumstances of the case, His Royal Highness readily and willingly grants their request, and hereby absolves them from their allegiance to himself as members of Convent General ; and he will only add that in their new position he trusts that they may have a prosperous future.

So the separation is now complete.

Regarding the Trinitarian question he reiterates his former declarations :

When speaking of the Templar Order, it is that of the British Dominions I allude to, which is understood to be distinct and inviolate in its teachings of the divinity of Christ, and repels all other latitudinarian Christianity as diametrically opposed to the orthodox

doctrines of the incarnation and the unity of the Godhead. The only true test of Templary is a belief in the Holy and Undivided Trinity, for to create a "dual God," setting at naught the Trinity, is far removed from Templary. To believe "only" in the Saviour, discarding the three persons of the Godhead, is heterodoxy, and a deviation from the true "landmarks" of the Ancient Templars, which we endeavor to represent.

In former reports we have said all we desire to say on this question.

Sir Knight Parvin was present and received with honors befitting his office, and we are told made an eloquent address.

Sir Knight Moore was unanimously re-elected Great Prior; Sir Daniel Spry re-elected Grand Chancellor (Recorder).

CONNECTICUT—1885.

Concerning the condition of the Order we take the following from Grand Commander Birdsey's address:

The Order in Connecticut may be congratulated on its present prosperous condition, the able and efficient Sir Knights occupying official positions in our Subordinate Commanderies, and the class of Companions who are knocking at the doors of our Asylums.

Under the head of decisions he says:

No decisions have been required of the Grand Commander, except such as have been answered by reference to the existing laws of the Grand Encampment. I am assured that in this Grand Jurisdiction there is a marked lack of familiarity with these laws, which I believe should be remedied.

He then recommends printing with the Proceedings the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, and the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment. We hope this will have the desired effect.

The following sensible resolution was adopted. It should be so without any resolution:

Resolved. The Grand Commandery of Connecticut will welcome the Commanderies of the different States within her jurisdiction without the formality of any special permission being granted for that purpose.

It was left optional with the Commanderies to use either the long or short form of Malta Ritual. We think this much the better way.

Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder, makes the Report on Correspondence. It is well written, with but few extracts.

Our Proceedings for last year are reviewed.

Sir Wm E. Seeley, Grand Commander; Sir Jos. K. Wheeler, re-elected Grand Recorder.

DAKOTA—1885.

Grand Commander Roy presiding, and a full attendance of Grand Officers, and representatives from the six Subordinate Commanderies.

The Grand Commander, in his Address, says:

It has been a prosperous year for Templar Masonry in Dakota; not a single death has been reported in the Order in this whole Territory during the year; and I have been called upon to make but few decisions during my term of office. Considerable activity has prevailed throughout our Jurisdiction for the year.

The proceedings were short and of local interest.

Sir Knight Rand does not seem to have made a Report on Correspondence. He was continued as Chairman of the Committee, so we presume he had a good excuse or made good promises for the future.

Sir Levi B. French, Grand Commander; Sir Bruce M. Rowley, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA—1885.

Past Grand Commander Luckie died during the year. The Grand Commander, in his Address, pays a glowing tribute to his memory, and a fine portrait of him is published with the proceedings.

In speaking of prizes to the best drilled Commanderies, the Grand Commander says:

The best drilled Commanderies are the best working Commanderies.

This accords precisely with our experience.

There were devotional exercises in the Methodist Church, a prize drill, and a complimentary banquet.

An interesting and eloquent address made to the Grand Commandery by Sir Lansing Burrows, is given in full.

A Complete Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Roland B. Hall.

In opening, he states his purpose as follows:

My aim has been to give you the proceedings of our sister Jurisdictions in as limited space as a proper comprehension of them would permit. To this end I have avoided controversies and presented only the valuable suggestions of presiding officers and the transactions of the Grand Bodies.

In reviewing proceedings of Colorado for 1884, he quotes quite extensively, with approval, from Grand Commander Woodbury's address.

Sir Thomas Ballantyne, Grand Commander; Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1884.

Grand Commander Elwood presiding.

Sir Knight Parvin was present.

We quote from the Grand Commander's Address:

The Templar year now closing, is remarkable, only from the lack of any striking event. Doubtless the labors incident to Triennial conclaves are followed by more than ordinary quietness. That there is no lack of interest attached to our Order, we can strongly maintain. We find the labors in the Asylum more satisfying and the fever for display less ardent. The ritual well exemplified, and the social intercourse, within our halls, more than compensate the lack of public exhibitions.

No decisions were required from the Grand Commander:

So complete and explicit are the statutes and edicts of our Order and bearing upon the points at issue, that no decision has been rendered nor required of your Grand Commander. The few questions arising, have found easy solution, by correspondence and reference to datum of the past.

Nothing came before the Committee on Grievances.

The question of "Uniform" was "referred to a Special Committee of five to be designated as a Committee on Ritual."

We are unable to give a reason for such a designation. Probably the *regular* committee on this subject had been worn out by frequent reference and inaction.

A form for installation was adopted and printed with the proceedings. The Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment is also given in full.

Sir Knight Gurney makes the Report on Correspondence in his usual full and able manner.

The last Triennial is very fully reviewed.

Colorado, 1883, is fully and fairly reviewed. He agrees with Grand Commander Fitch's decision that a Commandery U. D. may receive members by affiliation.

Sir Haswell C. Clarke, Grand Commander; Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1885.

Grand Commander Vail opens his address as follows, which shows well for the Order:

The dividing line between past and future which brings us together to-day to review the one and take action for the other, is approached after a year of, perhaps, unprecedented quietude in Templar history in this Grand Jurisdiction. This condition of affairs would seem to be due, not to inertness among the Subordinate Bodies, but rather to the avoidance of causes of friction, indicative of that mindfulness of the principles of our Order which is essential to its continued harmony and prosperity.

A large number of Special Dispensations were granted to Commanderies to appear in public to attend services on Easter and Ascension Day. We think this should be provided for and allowed by statute, and thus relieve the Grand Commander as well as the Commanderies, of the trouble pertaining to Special Dispensations.

From the proceedings we learn that the bank in which the Grand Treasurer had the funds deposited, became bankrupt, and the balance on hand, \$743 31, was lost. By resolution the Grand Commandery took upon itself the loss, and relieved the Treasurer therefrom.

The idea embodied in the following resolution we think excellent:

Resolved, That Right Eminent Sir Nicholas R. Ruckle, Past Grand Commander, be and is hereby appointed Historian of Templar Masonry of Indiana, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Right Eminent Sir Charles Cruft. And the Historian is empowered to call upon each Subordinate Commandery in the State for such data as is necessary in compiling the history of said Commanderies, and to aid in compiling the history of Templar Masonry in Indiana.

A carefully prepared history, such as contemplated, will in time become not only interesting but invaluable.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir N. R. Ruckle, P. G. C. It is carefully prepared, full and complete. This is especially true of the statistical tables, which we take pleasure in republishing with proper credit.

Our proceedings for 1884 are fully reviewed.

Sir Henry C. Adams, Grand Commander; Sir John M. Bramwell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA—1884.

Grand Commander Dougherty in his address reports:

I am most happy to report to you, peace and harmony uninterrupted prevail throughout this jurisdiction. No complaint has come to me during the year, and the Commanderies are in a flourishing, prosperous condition. No bickerings, no petty jealousies, no discords to mar and ruffle the smooth, flowing stream that carries thousands on its bosom through the events of a busy world, but all seeming to vie with each other in the glorious work of "who best can work and best agree."

The Commanderies generally observed Easter Sunday and Ascension Thursday with appropriate ceremonies; a general order permitted appearance in public on these days. A resolution was adopted declaring these to be Templar holidays, and authorizing the Commanderies to appear in uniform in public "for the purpose of attending services or demonstrations connected therewith" on these days.

We think the custom a very good one.

The proposition to purchase a camping ground was discussed and none of the various offers were accepted, but a resolution was adopted not to entertain any prop-

osition except an offer to donate not less than ten acres for this purpose. Thereupon two offers to donate were made and a committee was appointed to make a selection of one of the tracts.

This is a new idea to us, but may be a good one.

The Report on Correspondence is from the able pen of Sir Knight Guilbert, P. G. C.

The Proceedings of Colorado for 1883 receive notice.

Referring to our Report on Correspondence he calls it a "travesty of a report," and calls us "the champion condenser." We might plead guilty had we not just read the first report made in Massachusetts at the last Annual Conclave. To make a fair average, we presume, he says our report "bristles with pointed comments." We must adhere to what we said in reviewing Iowa last year, and be brief.

Sir James Morton, Grand Commander; Sir John C. Parish, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1885.

Grand Commander DeWitt in his address reports the condition of the Order as follows:

Our Order is in good condition throughout the State—no element of discord has intruded into our Asylums, but peace prevails within our walls, and prosperity within our palaces. The report of the Grand Recorder shows a falling off in the receipts of the past year, as compared with the year previous, but it is fully accounted for by the fact that in the season of 1883 the Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon a great many candidates in the expectation of their taking part in the Triennial Pilgrimage. The past year had no such special incentive. If the number of those knighted has been diminished, owing to greater care in selecting from the material offered, the loss in our revenue is not to be regretted.

The Committee on New Commanderies, reporting on the work of a new Commandery which had conferred the Orders on seventeen, makes the following sensible remarks:

Your committee is inclined to believe that it is not good policy for a new Commandery to do so much work the first year of its existence; they should be more conservative. It generally results in little or no work the next year or two, or, as is the case sometimes, poor material get into our Commanderies. The latter is more likely to occur; far better that we make haste slowly.

The Committee on Tactics and Drill failed to report. A new committee was appointed, to report next year. We presume this committee will fail to report and the subject will go over for another year. This is as well, or probably better than changing the work every year.

A committee was appointed "on Triennial Conclave Grand Encampment," to arrange for a pilgrimage to St. Louis next year.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight Brown, Grand Recorder.

It is in his usual style, full and complete.

Colorado for 1884 is fully and courteously reviewed.

The following fact, stated in his opening, is a forcible argument in favor of shortening reports:

No new questions have been raised for examination or discussion, and many, which formerly were the themes of controversy, are passed in silence, or, at most, are merely referred to in explanatory remarks.

Sir Burton E. Langdon, Grand Commander; Sir John H. Brown, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1885.

According to custom the Proceedings commenced with a grand parade.

The procession was six squares in length, and was really a splendid pageant; six superb bands furnishing music for the occasion. The precision of the marching was especially commendable.

Taking into consideration the example of the Grand Encampment of the United States, we suppose no objection can properly be made to such display. Personally, we must say it seems to us, to say the least, undesirable.

An Address of Welcome was delivered by the Governor of the State, to which the Grand Commander responded in appropriate terms.

The Grand Commander in his address reports the condition of the Order as follows:

The year has been uneventful; peace and harmony have prevailed throughout all our borders. No question has been submitted to me for an official decision but that could have been left unasked by a simple reference to the Code of Statutes.

The newly elected officers were publicly installed at the Opera House, after which the Governor of the State gave a reception at his mansion.

The Conclave seems to have been a very pleasant one. It reminds us very much of the average Triennial. The social feature overshadows everything else. Less business and more pleasure and social intercourse might, in our opinion, be an improvement in some other Grand Commanderies, even though they should fail to prescribe the precise manner of wearing "metal buttons" as did Kentucky.

Sir Charles R. Woodruff makes the Report on Correspondence.

A page is devoted to the Proceedings of Colorado for 1884.

The report is quite full and carefully prepared.

Sir James M. Saffell, Grand Commander; Sir L. D. Croninger, re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1885.

Grand Commander Cummings presiding.

Five chartered Commanderies represented.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

We meet to review the past year, render an account of our stewardship and provide for the future, and I trust zeal for the good of our Order may so prompt our actions that the same peace and harmony may be continued in our entire jurisdiction as now exists, for no complaints have been made to me, nor has a single question been referred for decision.

Very little was done, and that only of local interest. We find no reference whatever to the trouble with the Grand Commandery of Maryland. We hope the breach has been healed.

No Report on Correspondence.

Sir A. L. Abbott, Grand Commander; Sir Richard Lambert, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1884.

We most heartily approve the following from Grand Commander Bangs' Address:

Every Sir Knight should familiarize himself with the ordinary military evolutions of the asylum that pertain to our Order, and are as much a part of it as is the ritual itself. The importance of this can hardly be over-estimated, as ours is a military order, and efficiency in drill and discipline seems pre-requisite. Everything being equal, the *best drilled* will be the *best working* Commandery.

The Grand Commander reports the twenty-second Triennial a success, *socially* for what was done, and "the business part of the Triennial" a success because very little was done. He probably belongs to that class that thinks the world is governed too much. His eloquently expressed thanks show he was pleased, to say the least:

I desire to express, in the most emphatic manner, my hearty thanks for personal and official courtesies to myself and your representatives, that I cannot even hope to return, nor can I ever forget them or the enjoyment of a three weeks' stay in that sunny land "where the Pacific sings on a golden lee the sunset song of the Nation."

The condition of the Order is reported as follows:

Our Subordinate Commanderies are, as a rule, prosperous and doing a fair amount of work. The net gain in the jurisdiction is not large, and I trust indicates that *quality* and not *quantity* of material is most desirable. Our standard of qualification should be so exacting that to be created a Knight Templar would be an honor and a distinction to any man.

Under the head of suggestions, we find this:

The question of the abolition of exclusive jurisdiction is being generally considered and discussed, and in some form may be thought desirable. Country fratres claim the same privileges as are enjoyed by their city brethren, and with justice. Is it courteous for a Commandery to force a Companion to take the Orders where he has no wish to go? Is such membership in any way desirable?

Pennsylvania permits any Commandery in that jurisdiction to confer the Orders by securing consent of Commandery having Templar jurisdiction, but such consent is not to be withheld, except for Masonic reasons.

We have always opposed legislation making membership obligatory in any Masonic body. In other words, we believe in *voluntary* Masonry and membership. If a

member does not desire to continue his membership, he should be allowed to sever his connection. But we would have it distinctly understood he thereby releases the Order from all obligation. We are not certain, however, that the proposed change in jurisdiction would be an improvement.

Sir Stephen Berry makes the Report on Correspondence in his usual full and able style. He reviews the proceedings of Colorado for 1883.

Sir Isaac S. Bangs, re-elected Grand Commander, and Sir Ira Berry re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1884.

Grand Commander Hanway, in his Address, states the condition of the Order in the Jurisdiction to be as follows:

The past, although rather an uneventful year, has been one of unexampled peace throughout our Jurisdiction. Harmony has prevailed among our Subordinate Commanderies to a greater degree than has heretofore existed, each vieing with the other as to which "could best work and best agree." All of the Commanderies have enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity.

The correspondence with the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, to which we referred quite fully last year, is given in full by the Grand Commander.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers comments on the same as follows:

Respecting the comments of the Grand Commander upon the present status of the Grand Commanderies of Louisiana and Maryland, your Committee concur in his expressions of regret that the former Grand Body should have severed its heretofore pleasant relations with this Grand Commandery, and indulge the hope that when our Louisiana Fraters interpret the resolution in regard to the matter in controversy, passed by the Grand Commandery, in the spirit in which it was offered and carried, and understand the fraternal feeling and knightly courtesy entertained for them by every Maryland Templar, the resolution of non-intercourse will be unanimously rescinded.

From the language of the resolution of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, we presume the above is not sufficiently explicit to be satisfactory.

The Grand Commander condemns discussion of theological questions by Committees on Correspondence. We think a temperate discussion in a fraternal spirit of all questions pertaining to Templary beneficial to the Order.

The Committee on Uniform submitted a report, prescribing full details of uniform, which was adopted:

Sir Knight Adreon, as usual, makes a full and entertaining Report on Correspondence.

Colorado for 1883 receives kindly notice.

Sir Woodward Abrahams, Grand Commander; Sir Charles T. Sisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—1884.

The Semi-Annual Conclave was held May 28, 1884.

The Grand Commander's address merely reports his official actions, and contains nothing of general interest outside the jurisdiction.

St. John's Commandery exemplified the Order of Malta Ritual. The question of using the long or short form, after discussion, was referred to a Committee.

A Committee on Correspondence was appointed.

The Annual Conclave was held at Boston, October 31, 1884, Grand Commander Saunders presiding.

Grand Commander Birdsey, of Connecticut, was present and received with appropriate ceremony.

The Grand Commander reports the condition of the Order:

Our Order, during the past twelve months, has enjoyed a season of prosperity; harmony and good will prevails throughout our Jurisdiction. Most of our Commanderies are out of debt, some of them for the first time since their constitution, while many have established charity funds which in time of need can be used for the relief of their distressed Fraters.

Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder, makes the first Report on Correspondence. We like the style of this Report; the first half of it is devoted to discussion of questions of general interest to Templars; very short,

it is true, but to the point. The remainder is a very short notice of the proceedings of various Grand Commanderies. Colorado is kindly noticed in less than two lines.

A Ritual of the Red Cross and Temple Orders was adopted.

The Ritual of the Order of Malta was not disposed of, the Committee asking further time.

Sir Charles C. Hutchinson, Grand Commander; Sir Alfred F. Chapman, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1885.

The address of Grand Commander Moore gives a full account of his official acts during the year.

Of the condition of the Order he says :

It affords me much pleasure to report that within our jurisdiction, as well as throughout our happy land, peace reigns and prosperity abounds.

In the address we notice particularly the following:

No Dispensations have been asked the past year for the establishment of new Commanderies. I presume such action has been postponed during recess by those interested awaiting the meeting of the Grand Commandery.

In our opinion no Grand Commandery, during its short session and multitude of business, can devote the time and attention and make the investigation necessary to properly decide whether or not a Dispensation should be granted. This should be done by the Grand Commander only. He is then personally responsible and he can properly investigate and pass upon such applications. And, further, no Commandery should be Chartered until it has worked under Dispensation and conferred the Orders, and made proper report to the Grand Commandery. The report should be thoroughly examined and approved by the proper committee. We know this is wise counsel; we learned it by experience. We are led to these remarks, too, by noticing that a Charter was granted for a new Commandery, and that the recommendation therefor:

Gave rise to a most earnest, forcible and interesting discussion of the entire report of the committee, which was participated in with much earnestness.

The representatives of the nearest Commandery :

Gave notice that said Commandery felt aggrieved at the action of the Grand Commandery in granting a Charter for a new Commandery at Charlotte, and that they would appeal to the Grand Encampment of the United States against the action now taken.

In our opinion a result naturally to be expected from such a proceeding, although we infer from subsequent proceedings that the notice of appeal was withdrawn.

The Committee on Uniform, to which we referred last year, failed to report, and was continued for another year.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Grand Recorder Innis. It is even more full than his former reports, which is saying a great deal. Every jurisdiction is fully and fairly reviewed, Colorado for 1884 included.

From the conclusion of his report we take the following :

The reports of the past year appear to us unusually interesting; every question has been discussed in a most courteous manner, and all seem to be at peace and harmony save and except our good sisters Louisiana and Maryland; but that is nothing; only a passing cloud that for a moment obscures the sunlight.

Sir R. Allen Hall, Grand Commander; Sir Wm. P. Innis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1884.

During the day previous to the Conclave there was a grand parade, followed by a grand reception and ball in the evening, all which seem to have been fully enjoyed by the ladies and Knights present.

We learn from the following that Sir Knight Parvin was present :

Sir Knight Parvin was received with the knightly honors due his exalted rank, and eloquently welcomed by the R. E. G. C.

[Unfortunately the Grand Recorder is not an adept at reporting speeches, hence the world loses the welcome remarks of the R. E. G. C. and the reply of Sir Knight Parvin; suffice to say of the latter that it was in that happy vein which is well known to be one of his prominent characteristics.]

From the Grand Commander's address we take the following:

I can truthfully state that Templarism in Minnesota is in a good, sound and healthy condition. Just eighteen years ago a little band of valiant Knights, representing four Commanderies, assembled at St. Paul, at the First Annual Conclave of our Grand Commandery. The foundations of our structure were well laid, and that they have been well builded upon the reports of our Grand Officers will prove, showing a steady and continuous growth, until we have attained a membership of 1,300 or more of true and valiant Knights ready to do service in the cause for which they have enlisted, with fourteen Subordinate Commanderies entitled to representation at this Grand Conclave, and two more asking for admission.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight Pierson.

The Proceedings of Colorado for 1883 are reviewed. He agrees with our Committee on Jurisprudence that a Commandery U. D. cannot receive members by affiliation.

Sir Albert M. Shuey, Grand Commander; Sir A. T. C. Pierson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1885.

From Grand Commander Sloan's Address we quote:

The official year now closing has been one of unusual quietude and yet of prosperity; for I am happy to know and announce to you that our Subordinates have quietly pursued the even tenor of their way; that among them there have been no unseemly contentions, and on the contrary a general desire to promote the forward progress of the Order.

The Committee of Arrangements for the Twenty-Third Triennial Conclave, to be held at St. Louis next year, reported progress. They seem to be making all necessary preparations.

Sir Knight Mayo makes the Report on Correspondence. It is in his usual style, full and complete.

Commenting on the Grand Encampment, he makes some sensible remarks, among others the following:

Taking a retrospective view, we are constrained to say, our beloved Order is improving and progressing, on the whole, very satisfactorily. The Ritual of the Order of Malta, as prescribed by the

Grand Encampment, has been ratified by all Grand Commanderies where received; usually the short formula adopted, sometimes left optional with the Subordinates to use either. In our journey we found a few disaffected, possibly disappointed office-seekers, who are inclined to advocate or start a secession movement against the Grand Encampment. * * * No institution is worthy the patronage and confidence of good men if it can not stand and improve by having a certain amount of adverse criticism. * * * The Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, is a stronger body to-day than it ever has been in its history; of course, it has done some foolish things, and has left undone some very important things, but what legislative body in existence, or that has ever existed, that does not, or has not, from the National Government's Congress down to the smallest corporation with legislative powers?

Colorado for 1884 is kindly noticed.

Sir George F. Rogers, Grand Commander; Sir Wm. H. Mayo, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—1884.

Grand Officers and Representatives from eleven of the thirteen Subordinate Commanderies present.

Grand Commander Owen, in his Address, makes the following favorable report on the condition of the Order:

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity; the earth has not proved unfriendly to man, bountiful harvests have dotted the surface of our beautiful State, and we have all been rewarded for trials and labor. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this Jurisdiction. I have not had to make any decisions but what were clearly pointed out in our statutes, which shows the Sir Knights are practicing the principles of our Order.

The Address is very short and of local interest

Deputy Grand Commander Sewell makes a full report of the pilgrimage of the Grand Commandery to San Francisco. They seem to have had a very pleasant time.

The Report on Correspondence (*not* foreign, but essentially of *home* production) covers more than one hundred and fifty closely printed pages; so it must be a full report. It is by Sir John J. Monell, Jr.

The Proceedings of Colorado for 1883 are very fully reviewed; some criticism, and some approval. The former, or most of it, we think merited; especially the

neglect to devote a memorial page to each deceased Frater. The writer hereof receives kind personal notice, for which, thanks.

Sir Knight Monell was re-appointed, so we hope to hear from him again.

Sir Thomas Sewell, Grand Commander; Sir William R. Bowen, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1884.

The following from Grand Commander Bunton's Address shows the condition of the Order:

The year now concluded has been one of uninterrupted prosperity to the Order in this jurisdiction. No questions of law have been referred to me for decision, and, so far as I have been informed, nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony and general well-being of Templar Masonry.

The Grand Commander during the year visited and inspected every Commandery in his jurisdiction, nine in number.

Election and installation of officers was about the only business transacted.

Sir John J. Bell makes the Report on Correspondence.

Colorado for 1883 receives full and kindly notice.

Sir John F. Webster, Grand Commander; Sir George P. Cleaves, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1884.

From the opening of Grand Commander Clift's Address we take the following:

My official acts have been comparatively few, principally owing to the prosperous and healthy condition of the Order, and the knightly courtesy exhibited by the *fraters* of this and sister jurisdictions.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the reports of the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General be hereafter made

to the R. E. Grand Commander at least three weeks before the time of the Annual Conclave, and that the Grand Commander embrace a summary of the reports in his address, and that the R. E. Grand Commander submit his address to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers at least one week prior to the Annual Conclave.

We certainly think such a requirement of the Grand Commander entirely unwarranted; until delivered—addressed to the Grand Commandery, no person has any right whatever to any intimation even of what it is to be, until that time it is not an address. It may not be written, and if written it may be changed at the last moment.

The proceedings were very short and of local interest.

Sir Knight Edwards, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, resigned, and the Grand Commander appointed Sir Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder, in his stead.

The report is largely made up by quotations, interspersed, however, with fair comments.

Thomas W. Tilden, Grand Commander; Charles Bechtel, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1884.

A cordial and eloquent address of welcome was delivered by Sir Knight Fay, of Hugh de Payens Commandery, to which Grand Commander Aikman appropriately responded. He was followed by the venerable Sir John W. Simons.

Our Grand Representative Sir Perry Stowell was present.

The Grand Commander reports :

The official year now closing has been one of unusual quietude, and yet of prosperity, for I am happy to know and to announce to you that our Subordinates have quietly pursued the even tenor of their way; that among them there have been no unseemly contentions, but on the contrary a general desire to promote the forward progress of the Order and to keep the Empire State in the van it long ago conquered.

Grand Commander Martin and Grand Recorder Meyer, of Pennsylvania, were present and received with appropriate ceremonies.

A resolution to sever the allegiance of the Grand Commandery from the Grand Encampment of the United States, introduced last year, was rejected by unanimously adopting the full and able report of the Committee on Jurisprudence against it. We sincerely trust no such resolution will be ever again presented.

Tactics and Drill, as usual, take considerable time. New work, or rather a new book, is adopted, which it is fondly hoped will settle the vexed question for all time. We wish it might be so, but must entertain a doubt.

With pleasure we quote from the report of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals :

We feel that it is a pleasant commentary upon the beneficent influence of the sublime teachings of our Order, that in a jurisdiction containing a constituency of over seven thousand, no Subordinate Commandery, or any Sir Knight of any command has felt for many years past any reason to be aggrieved with another, or any occasion to appeal to this Grand Body for relief. Long may this condition of peace, harmony and prosperity continue.

The veteran Sir Robert Morris, of Kentucky, was present, and on his reception made one of his characteristic flowery speeches.

Sir John W. Simons makes the Report on Correspondence. It is full, able and fair.

Colorado for 1883 is reviewed. He agrees with Grand Commander Fitch that a Commandery U. D. can receive members by affiliation. Personally we think so too. Our Grand Commandery holds otherwise.

We await with pleasurable expectation Sir Knight Simons's next report, which will be his *thirty-third*.

Sir Abel A. Crosby, Grand Commander; Sir Robert Macoy, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1884.

The Grand Commander reports the condition of the Order prosperous:

Let us give thanks that peace and prosperity prevail within the Asylum walls of Templar Masonry in our midst.

Under the head of Decisions, he reports having made the following:

That a Companion who has an artificial leg was eligible to election for the Orders of Knighthood if he was able to perform all the ceremonies and signs of the Order.

Heretofore, we have unhesitatingly expressed our opinion on the physical qualification test. This decision meets our unqualified personal endorsement.

Following the adjournment, a grand banquet was given, which seems to have been highly enjoyed, and at which there was a full attendance.

The Statutes, Rules and Orders of the Grand Commandery are published in full.

There is no Report on Correspondence, and we find no allusion to it in the Proceedings.

Sir Eugene Grissom, re-elected Grand Commander; Sir James C. Munds, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1884.

From the full and able address of Grand Commander Vance we learn that prosperity and general harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction:

It affords me special pleasure to report continued prosperity throughout our entire Jurisdiction, and while the net increase in membership has not been so great as it was in 1880-82-83, every Commandery in the Jurisdiction has had more or less work.

Under the head of Decisions we find the following, which is the experience of all Grand Commander:

I have had numerous questions of Templar jurisprudence propounded to me, nearly all of which were answered by citing the writers to our Statutes and Regulations.

We concur in the following:

I am sorry to say that it has become very common among the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction to confer the Order of the Temple upon several Red Cross Knights at the same time. In my opinion the practice dissipates that proper sense of reverence with which the candidate should be impressed, and detracts from the beauty of our Ritual. I would recommend that the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction be prohibited from conferring the Order of the Temple upon more than one Red Cross Knight at a time.

Sir J. M. Booth, Grand Representative from Colorado, was present.

Sir W. Larue Thomas, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was present, and received with proper honor.

The following, which was adopted, would have received our vote had we been present:

Resolved, That it shall be deemed unknighly for any Commandery in this Jurisdiction to permit the use of intoxicating or spirituous liquors, as a beverage, at its headquarters while in attendance at any Grand Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Carson, as usual, makes a full report on "Foreign Communications." He reviews the proceedings of Colorado for 1883. He thinks the Grand Commander was right in deciding that a Commandery under dispensation could receive members by affiliation, and that the Committee on Jurisprudence was wrong in overruling the decision. Personally we agree with him, but as our Grand Commandery held otherwise, we await further light from the Grand Encampment or some other source.

In reviewing California, we find the following regarding a growing evil:

It is time that the honorable Masons of the country, well-wishers of the Order, should speak out, and take action to prevent the traffic in sham Masonry. If it is allowed to go on, the time is not far distant when the Order in all its branches will be abandoned to Masonic bunkoists and deadbeats; and honorable men in it will be unknown.

Sir Eli Fasold, Grand Commander; Sir James Nesbit, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1884.

We find the following in Grand Commander Bachelor's address:

The Grand Commandery may, with pride, point to the present prosperous condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, for nowhere in this, or any other country, is the Order in a more flourishing state. Our membership, in the aggregate, has not materially increased,

which is, to me, a good sign, as it is evidence that quality, not quantity, has been the prevalent spirit with the Commanderies the past year, in selecting material for the ranks of the Order.

As usual, attention is given to uniform. The Grand Commander allowed a Commandery to add a box on the belt to hold a gossamer cap, which he asked to have approved. The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers disapproved the addition, and their report, rightly, as we think, was adopted.

The Grand Encampment receives notice, not entirely complimentary, and a committee of five was appointed:

To take into consideration the relations between this Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment of the United States, said committee to report at the next Annual Conclave.

We hope the report and action thereon will be as judicious and sensible as the action of the Grand Commandery of New York on the same subject.

The Grand Officers elected were publicly installed.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir George T. Oliver.

Colorado for 1883 receives notice.

The report is quite full, and we must say we regret the closing sentence:

To our Brethren of the "guild" (who we are sure would have bidden us a cordial welcome into the bosom of the fraternity) we are truly sorry to be compelled to say farewell, ere we have had a chance to listen to their words of friendly greeting, and we bespeak their kindly criticism of the work of one who will never again have the temerity to contend in the lists against them, or couch his untried lance against their veteran armor, and so, fraters, in one breath we bid you—Good morning—Good night.

Sir Edward G. Martin, Grand Commander; Sir Charles E. Meyer, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1885.

From Grand Commander Gwynne's Address we take the following report of the condition of the Order:

Notwithstanding the depression in the business world, we have had a healthy growth during the past year.

The Grand Commander makes the following recommendation :

I would earnestly but respectfully recommend that this Grand Commandery request that in future Subordinate Commanderies exclude wine from their entertainments. Let our Order, pledged to the support of Christianity, present a bold front against intemperance, the greatest curse of the Nineteenth Century. Christian Knights, stand by your professions.

The report of the Committee to which was referred the Address was adopted as follows:

As to the use of wine at the entertainments of the constituents of this Grand Commandery, the committee are of the opinion that the good sense of the constituent Commandery should determine the matter. We agree that the Order should present a bold front against intemperance, as well as all other vices and evils, but we are content to let the constituent Commanderies deal with such questions without dictation from the Grand Commandery, having full faith and confidence in their fidelity to the Order, and zeal for its welfare and advancement.

The principle of the Grand Commander's recommendation was adopted in Ohio. In quoting the resolution we said had we been present it would have received our vote. So now we put ourself on record with the Grand Commander.

There were no appeals or grievances. On the contrary it was a season of delightful festivity, with parades and banquets before, during and after the Conclave, with which no one should find fault.

Sir Morton B. Howell makes a full Report on Correspondence.

In reviewing the Proceedings of Colorado for 1884 he copies with complimentary notice a large part of Grand Commander Woodbury's Address.

Sir John B. Nicklin, Grand Commander; Sir Wilbur F. Foster, Grand Recorder.

TEXAS—1885.

Sir H. B. Stoddard, Grand Representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was present and addressed the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander was not present. His absence is explained by Deputy Grand Commander Hunter, who presided :

Our R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight J. P. Harrison, the loving hand of Divine Providence has sorely chastened, though yet mercifully spared to his family and his Fraters. On the 16th of November, 1884, while apparently in good health, at his home in Houston, Texas, he was stricken with paralysis, and for months lay prostrate, unable to help himself; yet now his condition has so improved that while able to be about, yet he is unable to transact any business; but in time I hope, and you all will heartily join in the prayer, that he may entirely recover.

We join in the hope for recovery.

The business of the Jurisdiction seems to have been carefully attended to by the Deputy Grand Commander.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Knight Hardenbrook. As printed, it is quite full and apparently complete. Yet it seems the Grand Commandery found retrenchment and economy necessary, as shown by the following note by the Printing Committee, appended to the Report:

In justice to Sir Knight Hardenbrook we desire to say to our Fraters that he prepared a very able and extensive report on "Foreign Correspondence." For reasons, deemed by it good and sufficient, the Grand Commandery appropriated a specified sum for printing the Proceedings, and the Printing Committee were instructed to see that the cost of the same did not exceed that amount. Sir Knight Hardenbrook being absent from the State, the Committee have had to use its discretion in "cutting down" in the Report as well as in other matter usually contained in our Proceedings. As to the "Correspondence," no change has been made in the matter as presented by the Sir Knight, but the Committee confined itself to striking out. We regret the necessity.

Colorado for 1884 is fully and fairly reviewed.

Sir Nat W. Hunter, Grand Commander; Sir Robert Brewster, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1885.

Grand Commander Hall was absent in Kansas with a sick child, and his Address was read by the Deputy Grand Commander. From it we take the following:

The year has been an uneventful one in this office. Questions requiring answers, and requests for dispensations, have been fewer

than last year. No general orders have been issued, and but one special. Letters of advice have been somewhat numerous, and correspondence with other Grand Bodies and Grand Representatives about the same as usual. The several Commanderies, while doing less work, are in a healthy condition and alive to the interests of the Order.

The question of Ritual and the Grand Encampment are noticed as follows:

One serious drawback lies in waiting for a uniform work upon the Orders of the Red Cross and Temple. I have advocated waiting until the Committee of the Grand Encampment should be heard from, and still think that we had better defer action until after the next session of the Grand Encampment; but had I known that such an unreasonable delay would have been the result I would have favored a different course one year ago. I am aware of the work required to revise a Ritual, and of the difficulties attending such a labor when the Committee are widely separated, but when the demand for a uniform system comes up from every quarter of the Grand Encampment, a Committee who have accepted an appointment ought to give the subject their earliest possible attention. Our own Committee would long since have had every Commandery in the State hewing to the same line.

It is but right and proper to call attention to what should be done by the Grand Encampment. But as it is a representative body composed of these very Grand Commanderies which complain so much about its action, or want of action, is it not like complaining against one's self? It certainly seems so to us. If all those who have complained and found fault would *act* for themselves and *do* as they would have others do, there would in our opinion soon be no cause for complaint. Our own experience has been that those who find most fault and complain loudest, either do not have energy and enterprise enough to attend the Triennial Conclaves, or if they do attend, they fall into the general current, and seem to enjoy the social feature as much as anyone, although protesting against it before and after the Conclave. A part of our quotation from the report of Sir John W. Simons, of New York, last year, partly expresses the idea:

The thought, however, recurs that while it was the intention of the Grand Encampment, by this distant pilgrimage, to secure a quiet season in which it could devote itself to legislation, it reckoned without its host, and fell, among the general rejoicing, into the arms of a people who know how to be generous, and who called up from the vasty deep the very genius of hospitality, who obeyed as the slave of the lamp.

We are by no means clear that the Order will be in any way the worse off for this delay, for, in common with many others, we have entertained the opinion that the bane of excessive legislation had about reached its culmination; and that a halt would do us no harm. If, in the interval, the Fratres will study up what they want, and, more particularly, what they do not want done, and instruct their representatives accordingly, it is possible that at St. Louis we may act with more intelligent comprehension of the general idea, and so promote the general interest.

As a member of the Grand Encampment, claiming no influence, but our own vote, however, we are willing to take our share of the fault-finding, but want those who complain to include themselves and take their share.

We are led to these remarks also, by reading the very severe report on this subject made by the Committee of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, which has been received since reviewing that jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander, on the subject of Correspondence, gives some good advice:

Members of the Guild, allow a suggestion. In matters purely local be sparing in criticism; in matters personal, be careful not to wound; in matters of Masonic law and usage, be sure you are right before entering the contest.

"But being in
Bear it that the opposer may beware of thee."

Let the sharpness of your arrows and the force with which they are thrown, be tempered so far as you can judge by the character of him at whom it is aimed. *Never* use a poisoned arrow.

From his conclusion we quote the following, the last part of which we most heartily believe:

Other Grand Commanderies can boast a larger membership, a more plethoric treasury, and perhaps men occupying higher stations in life, but none, I am sure, can produce warmer-hearted or more zealous members than the loyal Knights of Vermont.

Sir Knight Fisher again makes the Report on Correspondence. It covers one hundred and thirty closely printed pages, and is of course complete and interesting.

The Proceedings of Colorado for 1884 are fully and fairly reviewed.

Sir Thad. M. Chapman, Grand Commander; Sir William C. Bradbury, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1884.

The Conclave opened with an address of welcome by the Eminent Commander of Appomattox Commandery, to the officers and members of the Grand Commandery, and an appropriate response by Grand Commander Roper.

We take the following from the Grand Commander's Address:

Upon inquiry it will be found that Commandery meetings are not as well attended as they have been in the past. There is not the same interest in the work. Many of the members, instead of vieing with each other in their attendance upon the assemblies, and efficiency in drill and work, are contented with paying dues, and at stated intervals, when summoned specially to do so, honor their Commandery with their presence.

This he thinks partially, at least, attributable to "the multitude of secret organizations that have sprung up like mushrooms," and that time will remedy this evil. There is much truth in this.

He sounds the proper key note regarding admission of new members:

Quality, rather than numbers, constitutes strength in Masonry.

A memorial page, with an eulogistic address, is devoted to the memory of the late Sir James A. Scott, who died May 20, 1884.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Sir Frank A. Reed, Grand Commander; Sir William B. Isaacs, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA—1884-1885.

The following, from the Proceedings of 1884, seems to us remarkable:

The Grand Commander was not present, nor was any letter from him explanatory of his absence, or any report of his official transactions during the year last preceding, presented before the Grand Commandery.

The Proceedings were very short, and the Conclave apparently harmonious.

Sir Charles F. Scott was elected Grand Commander ;
Sir George F. Irvine, re elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander, by reason of severe illness in his family, was unable to be present at the Conclave in 1885. His Address was read to the Grand Commandery. We make the following quotation :

During the year there has occurred nothing to mar the happiness, or destroy the harmony characteristic of our Order. Indeed, the facts sustain me in the statement, that the past year has been one of greater harmony and quietude, if possible, than any preceding, and as a consequence, I have a light duty in reporting, and you in considering, the work in hand.

The other Grand Officers make reports showing a considerable amount of work done by them.

Tactics and Drill, of course, receive attention.

The Grand Lecturer says :

I think I am safe in saying that no two Commanderies in this Jurisdiction use the same drill. The question of adopting some modern system of tactics, and then securing uniformity, will come before you at this Conclave, having been referred to you one year ago. I hope you will take action in the matter and not postpone, as heretofore has been done with this important question.

Afterwards Grant's Tactics were adopted.

There was a Committee on Correspondence, but no report.

The proceedings were followed by a very enjoyable banquet.

Sir Will H. Riggs, Grand Commander ; Sir George F. Irvine, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1885.

Regarding the condition of the Order, Grand Commander Benzenger tells us :

The general condition of the Order in this Jurisdiction is sound, progressive and harmonious.

We also note the following :

I rejoice in being able to report, that a larger number of Commanderies have conformed to the request of appropriately celebrating

the Easter Festival, this year, than in any preceding year. I hope next year, every Commandery will participate and join every true and earnest Christian in suitably commemorating this day.

We think the custom very appropriate indeed.

Very little business came up for attention.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir William C. Swain. In referring to some compliments given his former Report, he says:

We do like to have our feathers smoothed the right way, even though it is done merely from force of habit.

He reviews Colorado for 1883.

Like some others, he pokes fun at Grand Commander Fitch's permission for Commanderies to "cross our dominions" Sir Knight Fitch merely granted the request as it was made. A useless request, we think, but it would have been rude, certainly, not to have replied.

He reviews the last Triennial, closing as follows:

Of the sins of commission of this Body, we find very few; possibly owing to the dimness of our glasses. Its sins of omission are more numerous; but they have been sufficiently commented upon, and we leave them to those who feel especially aggrieved. They will all be forgotten in 1886, when the time arrives to condemn the action of the august Body at St. Louis.

Sir George H. Benzenger, re-elected Grand Commander; Sir John W. Laflin, re-elected Grand Recorder.

STATISTICS OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES AS SHOWN BY THE REPORTS OF 1884.
Prepared by Sir N. R. Ruckle, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Indiana.

| GRAND JURISDICTIONS. | DATE OF ORGANIZATION. | DATE OF CONCLAVE AT WHICH REPORT WAS MADE. | No. of Sub-ordinaries. | Knights. | Amiliated. | Reinstated. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Died. | Total Mem-bership. | Dues. |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| Alabama | December 1, 1860 | May 21, 1884 | 10 | 24 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 5 | .. | 4 | 231 | \$ 378 00 |
| Arkansas | May 25, 1872 | May 13, 1884 | 6 | 28 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 11 | .. | 8 | 225 | 196 60 |
| California | April 16, 1858 | April 16, 1884 | 23 | 352 | 54 | 14 | 66 | 11 | 1 | 27 | 1,850 | 3,478 00 |
| Colorado | March 14, 1876 | September 19, 1884 | 12 | 133 | 18 | 1 | 8 | 8 | .. | 3 | 578 | 1,139 00 |
| Connecticut | September 13, 1827 | March 18, 1884 | 11 | 79 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 18 | 2 | 25 | 1,400 | 1,657 00 |
| Dakota | May 14, 1884 | May 14, 1884 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 225 | .. |
| Georgia | April 25, 1869 | May 21, 1884 | 5 | 36 | 11 | 6 | 21 | 3 | .. | 2 | 401 | 874 00 |
| Illinois | October 27, 1857 | October 28, 1884 | 56 | 387 | 68 | 25 | 161 | 75 | 3 | 61 | 6,044 | 4,895 00 |
| Indiana | May 16, 1851 | April 26, 1884 | 31 | 147 | 20 | 4 | 104 | 34 | 1 | 30 | 2,459 | 2,738 00 |
| Iowa | January 29, 1868 | October 9, 1884 | 47 | 267 | 54 | 1 | 108 | 4 | .. | 26 | 3,188 | 2,186 00 |
| Kansas | October 5, 1847 | May 13, 1884 | 25 | 214 | 32 | 3 | 69 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 1,379 | 1,366 00 |
| Kentucky | June 6, 1864 | May 28, 1884 | 23 | 75 | 14 | 6 | 41 | 36 | 1 | 25 | 1,473 | 1,367 00 |
| Louisiana | February 4, 1864 | February 15, 1884 | 6 | 28 | 1 | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | 11 | 319 | 553 00 |
| Maine | May 5, 1852 | May 7, 1884 | 14 | 190 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 16 | 1,448 | 764 10 |
| Maryland | January 22, 1871 | April 14, 1884 | 7 | 32 | 7 | 1 | 19 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 772 | 841 00 |
| Mass. and Rhode Island | May 6, 1866 | May 25, 1884 | 40 | 386 | 33 | 7 | 89 | 88 | 1 | 84 | 6,486 | 2,237 00 |
| Michigan | January 16, 1857 | May 12, 1884 | 36 | 345 | 88 | 9 | 88 | 33 | 4 | 38 | 3,404 | 2,969 00 |
| Minnesota | January 23, 1865 | June 24, 1884 | 16 | 100 | 11 | 4 | 32 | .. | .. | 5 | 1,269 | 976 00 |
| Mississippi | January 1, 1857 | June 1, 1884 | 13 | 26 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 1 | 7 | 383 | 434 00 |
| Missouri | May 22, 1860 | May 6, 1884 | 44 | 254 | 46 | 7 | 66 | 26 | .. | 23 | 2,377 | 2,895 00 |
| Nebraska | December 27, 1871 | April 22, 1884 | 14 | 97 | 79 | 4 | 16 | 9 | .. | 9 | 644 | 1,038 00 |
| New Hampshire | August 25, 1850 | September 30, 1884 | 9 | 79 | 19 | .. | 10 | 9 | .. | 20 | 1,217 | 764 50 |
| New Jersey | February 11, 1869 | September 9, 1884 | 14 | 80 | 18 | 4 | 16 | 32 | .. | 23 | 1,246 | 747 56 |
| New York | June 18, 1841 | October 14, 1884 | 55 | 547 | 54 | 18 | 96 | 156 | 2 | 99 | 7,419 | 4,551 50 |
| North Carolina | May 16, 1861 | October 5, 1884 | 7 | 54 | 6 | .. | 9 | 2 | .. | 3 | 167 | 253 00 |
| Ohio | October 25, 1843 | October 5, 1884 | 39 | 427 | 31 | 42 | 95 | 20 | 8 | 49 | 6,100 | 3,279 75 |
| Pennsylvania | April 14, 1851 | May 27, 1884 | 69 | 566 | 47 | 46 | 119 | 75 | 2 | 73 | 6,570 | 6,160 37 |
| Tennessee | October 12, 1821 | May 29, 1884 | 13 | 50 | 16 | 9 | 25 | 4 | .. | 14 | 790 | 1,218 00 |
| Texas | January 19, 1855 | April 16, 1884 | 17 | 107 | 20 | 6 | 35 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 884 | 1,121 00 |
| Vermont | June 27, 1823 | June 16, 1884 | 9 | 59 | 1 | .. | 11 | 12 | .. | 8 | 833 | 674 00 |
| Virginia | June 27, 1823 | June 16, 1884 | 16 | 49 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 6 | .. | 14 | 834 | 404 00 |
| West Virginia | November 27, 1828 | October 8, 1884 | 7 | 25 | 3 | .. | 16 | 6 | .. | 3 | 315 | 1,473 60 |
| Wisconsin | February 27, 1874 | May 14, 1884 | 20 | 137 | 94 | 3 | 117 | 21 | 2 | 16 | 1,701 | 1,701 00 |
| Grand Encampment Sub | October 26, 1869 | October 11, 1884 | 32 | 252 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,100 | .. |
| Total | June 23, 1826 | 1883 | 742 | 6530 | 820 | 245 | 1478 | 768 | 36 | 753 | 60,229 | \$62,409 28 |

TABLE OF GAINS AND LOSSES

IN THE

UNITED STATES.

[Prepared by Sir N. R. Ruckle, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Indiana.]

| STATES. | Members, 1883. | Members, 1884. | Loss. | Gain. |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Alabama | 245 | 281 | 14 | 9 |
| Arkansas | 216 | 225 | .. | 299 |
| California | 1,551 | 1,850 | .. | 42 |
| Connecticut | 1,358 | 1,400 | .. | 168 |
| Colorado | 410 | 578 | .. | 225 |
| Dakota | .. | 225 | .. | 28 |
| Georgia | 373 | 401 | .. | 196 |
| Iowa | 2,992 | 3,188 | .. | 17 |
| Illinois | 5,987 | 6,004 | .. | 70 |
| Indiana | 2,359 | 2,429 | .. | 207 |
| Kansas | 1,172 | 1,379 | .. | 13 |
| Kentucky | 1,486 | 1,473 | .. | 11 |
| Louisiana | 908 | 319 | .. | 102 |
| Maine | 1,746 | 1,848 | .. | 3 |
| Maryland | 775 | 772 | .. | 46 |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island | 6,440 | 6,486 | .. | 246 |
| Michigan | 8,168 | 9,404 | .. | 132 |
| Minnesota | 1,167 | 1,299 | .. | 11 |
| Mississippi | 894 | 383 | .. | 207 |
| Missouri | 2,000 | 2,207 | .. | 98 |
| Nebraska | 546 | 644 | .. | 44 |
| New Hampshire | 1,173 | 1,217 | .. | 28 |
| New Jersey | 1,218 | 1,246 | .. | 246 |
| New York | 7,133 | 7,419 | .. | 46 |
| North Carolina | 121 | 167 | .. | 322 |
| Ohio | 4,787 | 5,109 | .. | 466 |
| Pennsylvania | 6,404 | 6,870 | .. | 83 |
| Tennessee | 757 | 790 | .. | 93 |
| Texas | 791 | 884 | .. | 42 |
| Vermont | 791 | 833 | .. | 21 |
| Virginia | 812 | 833 | .. | 10 |
| West Virginia | 305 | 815 | .. | 77 |
| Wisconsin | 1,624 | 1,701 | .. | 294 |
| Grand Encampment Subordinates | 1,806 | 2,100 | .. | .. |
| Total | 62,131 | 66,229 | 41 | 3,865 |
| Net gain | .. | .. | .. | 3,824 |

CONCLUSION.

The past year has been peculiarly quiet in the Masonic world, as elsewhere.

About the only feeling manifested, has been the expression of dissatisfaction with the Grand Encampment by some individuals, by one or more committees and by some Grand Commanders and Reporters on Correspondence. These complaints undoubtedly have some foundation in fact; yet as we have said in substance in commenting on some of them, we think them more fancied than real. So long as the charge against the Grand Encampment is for *omission* and not *commission*, we are inclined to withhold criticism. As we have heretofore said, we are of those who fear too much government, rather than too little.

The Ritual has received some attention in several Jurisdictions. Tactics and Drill and Uniform as usual occupy considerable attention.

Very few decisions are reported by Grand Commanders. Very few unsettled questions remain for discussion or decision.

Everywhere within our lines, and on our borders, peace and harmony prevail—blessings, surely, sufficient to call forth to the utmost our thankfulness and prayers for their continuance.

H. M. ORAHOOD,

Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1885.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1.—DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

[Dispensation January 13, 1886.—Chartered September 18, 1868, by Grand Encampment of United States.]

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Aaron Gove, E. C.
William E. Greenlee, G.
Sidney A. Shepperd, C. G.
Orr Legge, Pre.
Charles A. Raymond, S. W.
Christopher C. Gird, J. W.

James M. Strickler, Treas.
Oliver A. Whittemore, Rec.
William Smedley, Std. B.
Thomas Nichol, Swd. Br.
Wesley J. Gibbs, War.
Thomas Linton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Henry E.
Anstee, George
Anthony, Webster D.
Ashley, Eli M.
Ashley, John K.
Babcock, William N.
Bailey, Hiram L.
Bailey, Joseph L.
Bates, Lewis N.
Bayles, Benjamin H.
Beal, Horace W.
Bergh, Abraham
Billings, George N.
Bohm, Henry
Bond, William M.
Boyer, John C.
Brooks, Edward J.
Brown, J. Slaney
Buttbaugh, George
Burke, M. W.
Came, Virgil M.
Campbell, Donald W.
Carmichael, Daniel F.
Carney, John C.
Chaney, Silas W.
Cheesman, Walter S.
Chiverton, John M.
Christensen, John S.
Church, Frank
Clarke, Clarence J.
Clemens, James H.
Cline, Philo
Cook, David J.
Corning, George C.
Cramer, Fred.
Cranmer, William H. H.
Cranston, Earl

Cutshaw, Leonard
Dailey, John L.
Danielson, F. M.
Davis, Flavius N.
Duggan, George
Durrell, E. P.
Edbrooke, Frank E.
Elbert, Samuel H.
Evans, John
Felker, William B.
Fisher, Cyrus W.
Fitzgerald, M. J.
Flanders, Leonard H.
Fletcher, Donald
Fox, Jeremiah M.
France, Lewis B.
Gallup, Francis
Goddard, R. P.
Goodwin, Hiram S.
Graham, David B.
Graham, John W.
Greenleaf, Lawrence N.
Hard, Frank J.
Harrington, Benjamin F.
Hartung, Hugo R.
Hatten, Robert L.
Henry, Oren H.
Holsington, Jasper M.
Howell, William R.
Hutchins, Samuel A.
Johnson, Albert
Jones, Lathan W.
Kavanagh, Roderick F.
Kelley, James
Kimball, George F.
Kirby, Marcellus C.
Klock, John I.

Kountze, Charles B.
LaDue, Theodore F.
Lambert, Joseph
Leiff, Joseph
Lizey, John, Jr.
Long, Robert A.
Loper, Edward J.
McCarthy, Andrew J.
McConnell, J. G.
McLellan, William W.
Mack, Frederick
Milner, Joseph
Moore, David H.
Morrison, Thomas J.
Mouat, John
Newell, Harris W.
Nolds, Elisha J.
Norton, Samuel B.
Oswald, Daniel C.
Palmer, William B.
Pennock, Homer
Perkins, William F.
Pierson, Robert K.
Pochlin, Joseph L.
Porter, James H.
Rainer, John D.
Reed, William
Richards, Seiden J.
Riddell, Philip H.
Riggs, Joseph S.
Rinehart, William C.
Rogers, B. W.
Rogers, William T.
Routt, John L.
Scholtz, Edmund L.
Schrader, Fred. C.
Skiff, Fred. J. V.

MEMBERS.

| | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Skinner, Daniel T. | Tuttle, Heman B. | Willoughby, Edmund A. |
| Sopris, Richard | VanHorn, Marion D. | Wilson, Andrew D. |
| Spangler, Michael | Yosburg, J. J. | Wilson, Joseph C. |
| Steele, Robert W. | Wadsworth, Harrison L. | Wilson, William J. |
| Stephens, Henry J. | Walley, John J. | Winne, Peter |
| Stinson, Charles | Walsen, Fred. | Winter, A. T. |
| Thompson, George W. | Watkins, Leonard A. | Wolff, Alfred |
| Titcomb, John S. | Wheeler, Byron A. | Woodbury, Roger W. |
| Todd, William D. | Whittall, T. D. | Wright, George F. |
| Toovey, William | Wilder, Asa | Yunker, Jason T. |
| Tritch, George | Wilgus, Thomas B. | Ziegenfuss, Charles O. |

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2.—CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

[Dispensation November 8, 1866.—Chartered October 28, 1868, by Grand Encampment of United States.]

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| William Fullerton, E. C. | John Best, Treas. |
| Newton D. Owen, G. | Samuel I. Lorah, Rec. |
| Edward F. Clinton, C. G. | William C. Fullerton, Std. B. |
| Clayton F. Becker, Pre. | Richard Harvey, Swd. Br. |
| Thomas H. Potter, S. W. | Caleb J. Martin, War. |
| George W. Mabey, J. W. | Hal. Sayr, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Armstrong, John D. | Nichols, Foster | Tallman, Jacob |
| Collier, David C. | Orahood, Harper M. | VanDeren, Arch. J. |
| Jones, Aaron M. | Prout, John | Vivian, George G. |
| Kilne, Perry A. | Roberts, Daniel | Watson, Joseph W. |
| Lechner, George W. | Rust, William R. | Wells, Benj. T. |
| Mosley, Richard W. | Stebbins, Henry H. | Young, Frank C. |
| Newcomb, Henry E. | Teller, Henry M. | |

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3.—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[Dispensation August 17, 1874.—Chartered December 8, 1874, by Grand Encampment of United States.]

[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| H. M. Morse, E. C. | M. H. Fitch, Treas. |
| E. J. Castle, G. | G. J. Dunbaugh, Rec. |
| J. S. Stewart, C. G. | James Rees, Std. B. |
| S. H. Guernsey, Pre. | U. Bradley, Swd. Br. |
| W. H. Sweeney, S. W. | J. C. Mee, War. |
| J. H. McCord, J. W. | J. T. Clark, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Adams, Geo. S. | Collins, J. W. | Fisher, A. T. |
| Adams, Alva | Clough, A. | Fourrell, Wm. H. |
| Banks, Horace N. | Crary, B. F. | Goodnight, Chas. |
| Banks, Henry C. | Culver, W. E. | Grant, A. A. |
| Bassett, Alden | Chew, Samuel H. | Guest, Thos. |
| Balfour, C. M. | Clark, M. C. | Gardner, Samuel |
| Chilcott, Geo. M. | DeRemer, Jas. R. | Gault, F. B. |
| Campbell, A. R. | Dunbaugh, Frank M. | Holland, Alfred G. |

MEMBERS.

Haskens, B. F.
 Hard, G. H.
 Hilburn, M. H.
 Joy, J. A.
 Keller, H. B.
 King, F. P.
 Kane, W. B.
 Kilbourn, J. B.
 Lytle, R. F.
 McMurtre, Jno. A.
 McAnulty, R. E.
 McMurray, W. T.
 Morton, J. G.
 Morgan, Geo. W.
 Mark, Milton H.
 Miller, A. W.

Manley, Jno. W.
 Miles, J. E.
 McKnight, H. M.
 McDaniel, Z. T.
 Newcomer, C. E.
 Nelson, Chas. F.
 Orman, J. B.
 Perkins, Geo. W.
 Pochon, Jos.
 Parsons, Chas. S.
 Root, Geo. H.
 Rose, Geo. W.
 Richards, N. P.
 Strait, W. W.
 Schrock, F. H.
 Smith, J. E.

Sargent, Ellis
 Stanton, I. W.
 Steen, R. A.
 Schmidlap, John D.
 Sleeper, Jno. W.
 Shields, Geo. A.
 Thombs, P. R.
 Tripp, C. A.
 Tattinali, Geo. H.
 Townsend, W. F.
 Taylor, Wm. C.
 Urmy, D. F.
 Usher, Wm. M.
 Veatch, B. E.
 VanHovenburg, D. M.
 Wilson, Chris.

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4.—GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

[Dispensation January 24, 1880 —Chartered September 24, 1880.]

[Conclaves first Wednesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Warren M. Fletcher, E. C.
 George H. Barrett, G.
 Chas. H. Jacobson, C. G.
 Ed. C. Farnellee, Pre.
 Nicholas D. Cornish, S. W.
 Fred. S. Johnson, J. W.

Charles R. Fish, Treas.
 Ernest Le Neve Foster, Rec.
 George Meyers, Std. B.
 Joseph A. Love, Swd. Br.
 Thomas Cornish, War.
 James Lees, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Barton, William E.
 Bates, Henry C.
 Boyer, Henry
 Criley, William W.
 Forstrand, Peter M.

Glaze, Daniel W.
 Hambel, John R.
 Morrison, Robert S.
 Phillips, John F.

Pollard, Charles W.
 Pomeroy, Richard A.
 Strausser, Franklin
 Wade, Charles H.

MT. OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY No. 5.—LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

[Dispensation May 1, 1880.—Chartered September 24, 1880.]

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Joseph H. Playter, E. C.
 Frank H. Officer, G.
 John W. Flintham, C. G.
 John M. Maxwell, Pre.
 Thomas Kneale, S. W.
 George R. Smith, J. W.

Allen T. Gunnell, Treas.
 Alphonse A. Burnand, Rec.
 Albert B. Croskey, Std. B.
 Bicknell Fancher, Swd. Br.
 Thomas H. Cook, War.
 William Braden, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Alfred, John
 Branch, Albert H.
 Bright, William H.
 Becker, Peter
 Burchinell, William K.
 Boettcher, Charles
 Bernard, James J.
 Boone, James B.

Baker, Irwin G.
 Burdick, William N.
 Beaudry, Fred. B.
 Brown, David R. C.
 Bowdish, Russel C.
 Coston, Porter J.
 Clode, William Y.
 Clark, William M.

Campbell, John W.
 Cain, William J.
 Drake, George W.
 DeLay, Robert L.
 Dougan, George B.
 Ellis, William
 Gruber, E. H.
 Gay, Frank

MEMBERS.

Gutshall, Samuel P.
Guller, William
Hyde, Willard S.
Howell, Cornelius C.
Harker, Oliver H.
Harvey, John
Mack, Jacob
Musser, John W.
McMillan, Nell

McMillan, Roderick
Nessel, Joseph
Pena, Sotero
Peterson, Peter A.
Playter, Arthur T.
Rose, Francis
Reef, Joseph S.
Racene, Dan A.
Shanstrum, Perry G.

Smith, Joel W.
VanWagenen, Theo. F.
Wheat, Lysander B.
Warren, Henry L.
Whinnerah, Raymond
Wilder, Samuel D.
Williams, John H.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6.—COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

[Dispensation April 18, 1881.—Chartered September 23, 1881.]

[Conclaves third Monday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Charles E. Edwards, E. C.
Joseph F. Humphrey, G.
James M. Ellison, C. G.
James H. Keer, Pre.
Anson E. Mook, S. W.
J. A. Himebaugh, J. W.

L. C. Skinner, Treas.
Albert Matthews, Rec.
Geo. Aux, Std. B.
Edwin J. Esau, Swd. Br.
Thomas Hughes, War.
J. L. Marston, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, B. P.
Barnes, James P.
Bletso, A. J.
Courtier, John
Crowel, B. F.
Crawford, R. R.
Dillon, Chester H.
Dow, F. E.
Fairley, D. B.
France, Matt

Hafner, Oscar
Howarth, Geo. L.
Howbert, Irving
Lawton, Andrew L.
Low, Emery A.
Lytle, W. H.
Martin, F. L.
Merrill, W. H. D.
Peck, Oren H.

Pearcy, R. G.
Potter, John
Reynolds, J. E.
Sagendorf, Andrew
Smith, Walt A.
Stillman, John W.
Wanles, John
Willbur, Matthew C.
Wells, J. G.

MT. SINAI COMMANDERY No. 7.—BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Dispensation December 10, 1881—Chartered September 22, 1883.]

[Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Chas. L. Spencer, E. C.
Horace O. Dodge, G.
W. F. C. Hasson, C. G.
Thos. Danford, Pre.
Albert T. Henry, S. W.
Sylvester S. Downer, J. W.

Andrew J. Macky, Treas.
H. E. Washburn, Rec.
Geo. F. Chase, Std. B.
Geo. M. McClure, Swd. Br.
Eli P. Metcalf, War.
James Stevens, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allison, William H.
Bradley, Herbert N.
Bemus, James E.
Chambers, John S.
Dabney, Charles
Develline, J. W. (honorary.)
Davis, John
Ellingham, John J.
Fond, Geo. F.
Glessner, Chas. E.
Hutchinson, Daniel J.
Hathaway, Mark
Johnston, William J.

Kohler, Fred W.
Kempton, James
Lea, Al. red E.
Lockwood, Fred.
Lownau, Edward E.
Maxwell, James P.
Miller, N. C.
Nicholson, John W.
Owen, Thomas R.
Pae, B. Frank
Rowen, William F.
Rogers, Platt
Smith, James A.

Safely, Alex. F.
Schriver, J. Clay
Simpson, John H.
Spangler, Geo. W.
Sawyer, Alvin M.
Streemer, Frank M.
Titcomb, Hiram R.
Wellman, Sylvanus
Wilder, Eugene
Wimer, John A.
Walker, H. P.
Wilson, T. V.

GUNNISON COMMANDERY No. 8.—GUNNISON, GUNNISON COUNTY.

[Dispensation May 28, 1883.—Chartered September 21, 1883.]

[Conclaves second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

A. J. Bean, E. C.
Eugene P. Shove, G.
Otis P. Abercrombie, C. G.
Heiman Bragg, Pre.
William J. Flue, S. W.
David C. Scribner, J. W.

Thos. C. Brown, Treas.
Frank A. Root, Rec.
Frank B. Woodhouse, Std. B.
Edward W. Burton, Swd. Br.
Cyrus W. Shores, War.
Morgan A. Roblee, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Biebel, Charles
Brown, Ira
Chamblin, Albert K.
Cuenin, Joseph
Dailey, John F.
Davis, Orson C.
Duval, John C.
Feeler, John H.
Gibson, John
Hazen, Norman F.

Jennings, Nathaniel
Kinkaid, John
Lee, Harry Allen
Maloney, Thos. J.
Morgan, Chas. H.
Moseley, George T.
Melver, John J.
McKenna, Thos. J.
Olney, Henry C.

Steele, Frank D.
Scott, William T.
Sweeney, John
Snyder, William
Thomas, John J.
Wadsworth, Wm. H.
Waller, Marion S.
Williams, Henry
Youngs, George

CANON CITY COMMANDERY No. 9.—CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY.

[Dispensation November 12, 1883.—Chartered September 19, 1884.]

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

James H. Peabody, E. C.
Wm. T. Bridwell, G.
Edwin C. Gray, C. G.
David C. Pattee, Pre.
Linville J. Hall, S. W.
Wm. E. Forr, J. W.

James Clelland, Treas.
Geo. M. Mitchell, Rec.
Lemuel W. Parkhurst, Std. B.
Geo. W. Roe, Swd. Br.
Robt. D. Hall, War.
Franz Sell, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bainbridge, Wm.
Butler, Edward A.
Bethel, Geo. W.
Collins, Chas. M.
Cassedy, Geo. R.
Craven, Thos. H.
Campbell, James F.
Chapman, James P.
Davenport, Chas. E.
Dufer, Chas. E.
Engleman, Milton M.

Gilmore, Ben. W.
Getman, Lyman P.
Hoxie, James A.
Harp, Wm. R.
Haskins, Chas. F.
Hadden, George
Johnson, Wm. E.
Lawrence, Adley B.
Leyshon, John G.
Milsom, Joe. W.
Milliken, Charles

McGrath, Miles
McGilliard, Wm. P.
Pauls, Charles
Raynolds, Fred. A.
Robertson, John
Robertson, Wm. E.
Roller, Wm. W.
Sartor, Augustus
Smith, C. C.
Thompson, Louis C.
Wilber, Ernest

GREELEY COMMANDERY No. 10.—GREELEY, WELD COUNTY.

[Dispensation January 26, 1884.—Chartered September 19, 1884.]

OFFICERS.

Henry T. West, E. C.
Lafayette Reynolds, G.
Michael J. Hogarty, C. G.
John T. Protheroe, Pre.
Eugene H. Abbott, S. W.
Henry B. Jackson, J. W.

Deane Monahan, Treas.
Joseph A. Woodbury, Rec.
Francis L. Childs, Std. B.
Sharon Atkinson, Swd. Br.
Menzo C. Mattison, War.
Thomas G. Macy, C. of G., P. T.

MEMBERS.

Austin, Olin
 Arthur, James B.
 Armstrong, Andrew
 Anderson, Peter
 Barry, Richard
 Boughton, Jay H.
 Brush, Jared L.
 Eaton, Benj. H.

Edmunds, Merritt C.
 Freeman, James M.
 Fullerton, Winfield S.
 Hilton, Benj. W.
 Johnson, Bruce F.
 Mead, Mark S.
 Mansfield, LeRoy
 Follock, William P.

Pattenson, Benj. W.
 Randolph, Calvin
 Smith, Martin H.
 Spoor, A. F.
 Sickman, A. P.
 Wilson, Geo. E.
 Wilson, Dwight B.
 Wulfjen, Charles W.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 11—DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY.

[Dispensation March 4, 1884.—Chartered September 19, 1884.]

[Conclaves second and fourth Saturdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

S. H. Thompson, E. C.
 J. E. Meuser, G.
 John Knowles, C. G.
 J. C. Langley, Pre.
 Geo. W. Kephart, S. W.
 W. H. Middaugh, J. W.

Charles Newman, Treas.
 Geo. Weaver, Rec.
 F. H. Young, Std. B.
 Will T. Longnecker, Swd. Br.
 Thomas Rockwood, War.
 Geo. Fr. und, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Barly, William
 Breen, M.
 Carter, W. B.
 Clark, W. M.
 Darrow, W. S.
 Daugherty, W. W.
 Dennison, P. F.
 Fasbinder, Peter
 Goodman, Henry C.
 Heffron, H. G.

Hickey, Charles
 Killala, Frank
 Klingender, M.
 Lambert, Edward, Jr.
 Lewis, A. R.
 Lindsay, T. P.
 MacGregor, D. C.
 Morawetz, Albert
 McCormick, W. M.
 Parsons, J. L.

Roberts, F. B.
 Shaw, D. J.
 Sheets, D. L.
 Thorp, Geo. L.
 Wagstaff, D. R.
 Warren, W. D.
 Waters, J. H. Ernest
 West, Geo. E.
 Wigglesworth, Thos.
 Wingate, John W.

LONG'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 12.—LONGMONT, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Dispensation June 2, 1884 —Chartered September 19, 1884.]

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Geo. Wyman, E. C.
 L. H. Dickson, G.
 Thos. Butler, C. G.
 R. M. Hubbel, Pre.
 C. O. Webb, S. W.
 Geo. T. Dell, J. W.

J. W. Denio, Treas.
 B. L. Carr, Rec.
 W. W. Secor, Std. B.
 Conrad Bardill, Swd. Br.
 C. H. Baker, War.
 Geo. S. Phillips, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, V. F.
 Atwood, Geo. N.
 Buckley, J. A.
 Brown, C. M.
 Calkins, C. C.
 Estes, Milton

Griffith, R. G.
 Herron, I. L.
 Herron, O. F.
 Hockenburger, Wm.
 King, Wm.

Lykins, D. J.
 Tallman, I. T.
 Ramsay, John
 White, Eben
 Webb, W. H.

FORT COLLINS COMMANDERY U. D.—FORT COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY.

Dispensation issued October 1, 1884, to—

Peter Anderson, E. C.
 Andrew Armstrong, G.
 Chas. L. Ingersoll, C. G.

and—

Hottel, I. W.
 Arthur, Jas. B.
 Brewer, C. W.

Sturdevant, H. F.
 Lee, Henry A.

Boughton, J. H.
 Patton, David

Chartered September 18, 1895, as—

DEMOLAY COMMANDERY No. 13,

with—

Peter Anderson, E. C.
 Andrew Armstrong, G.
 Charles L. Ingersoll, C. G.

and—

McIntyre, J. W.
 Arthur, James B.
 Leonard, P. D.
 Miller, Chas. F.
 Lull, C. E.
 Lee, H. A.
 Giddings, Leander
 Plummer, Z. C.

Greiner, J. M.
 Garbutt, E. N.
 Robinson, T. M.
 Brewer, C. W.
 Boughton, Jay H.
 Stekman, Alonzo P.
 Clark, S. E.
 Sturdevant, H. F.

Hottel, I. W.
 Ticknor, A. A.
 Henderson, I. W.
 Watrous, Ansel
 Montgomery, T. J.
 Hottel, And. J.
 Cassidy, James
 Patton, D.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED FRATERS
WHO ARE AT REST.

| | No. | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------------|--------------------|
| O'Hern, James | 3 | Pueblo. | November 20, 1884. |
| Bartels, Julius L. | 3 | Pueblo. | December 1, 1884. |
| Cheney, Lewis | 7 | Mount Sinal. . | March 30, 1885. |

DROPPED FROM THE ROLL.

| NAME. | COMMANDERY. | No. | DATE. |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Summers, George | Pike's Peak . . . | 6 | August 6, 1885. |

SUSPENDED.

| NAME. | COMMANDERY. | No. | DATE. |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----|------------------|
| Drumm, Henry | Mt. Sinal | 7 | August 27, 1885. |
| Phillipi, Fred | Mt. Sinal | 7 | August 27, 1885. |
| Smith, J. Alden | Mt. Sinal | 7 | August 27, 1885. |
| Nelkirk, Geo. M | Mt. Sinal | 7 | August 27, 1885. |
| Pennington, J. L | Ivanhoe | 11 | |

EXPELLED.

| NAME. | COMMANDERY. | No. | DATE. |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----------------|
| * Roberts, George C . . . | Colorado | 1 | March 28, 1885. |
| † Whiteley, Richard . . . | Mt. Sinal | 7 | |

* By Union Lodge No. 7.

† From No. 14, Colorado.

DIMITTED.

| NAME. | COMMANDERY. | No. | DATE. |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|
| Armstrong, A. | Colorado | 1 | September 19, 1884. |
| Wyman, Geo. | Colorado | 1 | September 19, 1884. |
| Cutler, Wm. H. | Colorado | 1 | June 2, 1885. |
| Bainbridge, Wm. | Pueblo | 3 | September 23, 1884. |
| Haskins, Charles F. | Pueblo | 3 | September 23, 1884. |
| Bridwell, W. T. | Pueblo | 3 | September 23, 1884. |
| Cassidy, Geo. R. | Pueblo | 3 | September 23, 1884. |
| Collins, Chas. | Pueblo | 3 | September 23, 1884. |
| Johnson, W. E. | Pueblo | 3 | September 23, 1884. |
| Parkhurst, L. W. | Pueblo | 3 | September 23, 1884. |
| Peabody, J. H. | Pueblo | 3 | September 23, 1884. |
| Pattee, J. C. | Pueblo | 3 | September 23, 1884. |
| Ware, William W. | Georgetown. | 4 | February 4, 1885. |
| Christie, Wm. H. | Georgetown. | 4 | July 1, 1885. |
| Kelly, Jay G. | Mt. of Holy Cross. | 5 | |
| Lee, Charles A. | Pike's Peak. | 6 | December 15, 1884. |
| Stout, B. F. | Pike's Peak. | 6 | December 15, 1884. |
| Fowler, Harry R. | Pike's Peak. | 6 | January 19, 1885. |
| Barton, C. T. | Pike's Peak. | 6 | May 2, 1885. |
| Hasson, W. F. C. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Butler, Thomas. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Buckley, John A. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Burdill, Conrad. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Dickson, Lewis H. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Dell, Geo. T. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Denio, J. W. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Hubbell, Richard M. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Secor, W. W. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Webb, Charles O. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Brewer, C. W. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Hottel, Isaac W. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Ingersoll, C. L. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Sturdevant, Harry F. | Mt. Sinai. | 7 | June 8, 1885. |
| Clemes, John H. | Gunnison. | 8 | December 10, 1884. |
| Jones, Harry J. | Gunnison. | 8 | February 11, 1885. |
| Oliver, Stephen F. | Gunnison. | 8 | June 10, 1885. |

STATEMENT OF WORK.

| COMMANDERY. | No. | Post-Office. | Created. | Admitted. | Dropped from Roll. | Died. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Expelled. | No. 1864. | No. 1866. | Gain. | Loss. | COMMANDER. | RECORDER. |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Colorado. | 1 | Denver. | 7 | 6 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | 147 | 156 | 9 | .. | Aaron Gove. | O. A. Whittemore. |
| Central City. | 2 | Central City. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 29 | 32 | 3 | .. | William Fullerton. | Sam'l I. Lorah. |
| Pueblo. | 3 | Pueblo. | 10 | 1 | .. | 2 | 9 | .. | .. | 84 | 84 | .. | .. | H. M. Morse. | G. J. Dunbaugh. |
| Georgetown. | 4 | Georgetown. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 27 | 25 | .. | 2 | W. M. Fletcher. | E. L. N. Foster. |
| Mt. of Holy Cross. | 5 | Leadville. | 9 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 52 | 61 | 9 | .. | Joseph H. Playter. | A. A. Burnand. |
| Pike's Peak. | 6 | Colorado Springs. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 44 | 40 | .. | 4 | Chas. E. Edwards. | Albert Matthews. |
| Mount Shai. | 7 | Boulder. | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 65 | 50 | .. | 15 | Charles L. Spencer. | H. E. Washburn. |
| Gunnison. | 8 | Gunnison. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 39 | 40 | 1 | .. | A. J. Bean. | Frank A. Root. |
| Canon City. | 9 | Canon City. | 7 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 36 | 45 | 9 | .. | James H. Peabody. | Geo. M. Mitchell. |
| Greeley. | 10 | Greeley. | 9 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 | 36 | 10 | .. | Henry T. West. | J. A. Woodbury. |
| Ivanhoe. | 11 | Durango. | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 34 | 42 | 8 | .. | Sam. H. Thompson. | George Weaver. |
| Long's Peak. | 12 | Longmont. | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16 | 28 | 12 | .. | George Wyma. | Byron L. Carr. |
| Fort Collins. | UD | Fort Collins. | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 | 15 | .. | Peter Anderson. | Ansel Watrous. |
| Totals. | .. | .. | 89 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 36 | 5 | 2 | 539 | 654 | 76 | 21 | .. | .. |

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Commandery, March 14, 1876.

| Date | Grand Commander. | Deputy Grand Commander. | Grand Generalissimo. | Grand Captain General. | Grand Prelate. | Grand Treasurer. | Grand Recorder. |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1876, Mar. | Henry M. Teller . | W. D. Anthony . | I. W. Stanton . . | J. M. Strickler . | *P. V. Finch . . | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1877, Mar. | W. D. Anthony . . | I. W. Stanton . . | H. M. Orabood . . | J. M. Strickler . | Francis Gallup . | Wm. D. Todd | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1878, Sept. | I. W. Stanton . . | H. M. Orabood . . | J. M. Strickler . . | M. Spangler . . | Francis Gallup . | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1879, Sept. | H. M. Orabood . . | J. M. Strickler . . | Michael Spangler . | M. H. Fitch . . | Francis Gallup . | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1880, Sept. | J. M. Strickler . . | Michael Spangler . | M. H. Fitch | Wm. Fullerton . | *T. J. Mackay . | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1881, Sept. | Michael Spangler . | M. H. Fitch . . . | Wm. Fullerton . . | P. J. Coston . . | Francis Gallup . | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1882, Sept. | M. H. Fitch . . . | Wm. Fullerton . . | R. W. Woodbury . | P. J. Coston . . | Francis Gallup . | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1883, Sept. | R. W. Woodbury . | J. P. Maxwell . . | Horace N. Banks . | Geo. C. Roberts . | Francis Gallup . | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1884, Sept. | J. P. Maxwell . . | Horace N. Banks . | C. H. Jacobson . . | A. H. Branch . . | Aaron Gove . . | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1886, Sept. | Horace N. Banks . | Aaron Gove . . . | C. H. Jacobson . . | A. H. Branch . . | J. H. Peabody . | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |

* Limited.

† Expelled.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| FROM. | RESIDENCE. | DATE OF COMMISSION. | TO. | RESIDENCE. | DATE OF COMMISSION. |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Wm. Fullerton . . . | Black Hawk | June 7, 1878. | David Smith . . . | Mobile . . . | June 24, 1878. |
| Harper M. Orinhood . . | Denver . . . | March 25, 1879 | Samuel L. Griffith . . | Little Rock . . | June 24, 1878. |
| Michael Spangler . . . | Denver . . . | | Henry S. S. Grinnell . . | Los Angeles . . | Aug. 14, 1878. |
| Henry M. Teller . . . | Central . . . | Sept. 18, 1878. | John H. Eadell . . . | New London . . | June 17, 1878. |
| Irving W. Stanton . . . | Central . . . | Nov. 11, 1883. | John H. Eadell . . . | Savannah . . . | June 7, 1878. |
| Irving W. Stanton . . . | Pueblo . . . | Dec. 1, 1878. | John T. Williams . . . | Chicago . . . | May 31, 1878. |
| | Pueblo . . . | Jan. 2, 1881. | John T. Williams . . . | Kendallville . . | May 10, 1878. |
| | | | John C. Schrader . . . | Iowa City . . . | June 17, 1878. |
| Porter J. Coston . . . | Buena Vista | | Alfred C. Bassett . . . | Lawrence . . . | May 31, 1878. |
| Roger W. Woodbury . . | Denver . . . | June 10, 1878. | Alfred H. Gardner . . | Louisville . . . | March 17, 1883. |
| | | | Michael E. Girard . . | Opeleous . . . | June 18, 1878. |
| Roger W. Woodbury . . | Denver . . . | June 10, 1878. | George M. Howe . . . | Portland . . . | June 10, 1878. |
| Oliver A. W. Hutchinson . | Denver . . . | June 6, 1878. | C. K. Kibbucker . . . | Baltimore . . . | June 24, 1878. |
| | | | Henry A. Pierce . . . | Pawtucket, R.I. . | Feb. 8, 1883. |
| David C. Goffier . . . | Central . . . | | Hugh Macurdy . . . | Corunna . . . | May 31, 1878. |
| J. M. Strickler . . . | Denver . . . | June 12, 1878. | Frederick Speed . . . | Nicksburg . . . | June 18, 1878. |
| Ed. M. Ashley . . . | Denver . . . | June 17, 1878. | William I. Muller . . | St. Louis . . . | June 10, 1878. |
| E. L. N. Foster . . . | Georgetown | June 17, 1884. | Joseph W. Wheeler . . | Plattsburgh . . | June 18, 1878. |
| Peter Winne . . . | Denver . . . | | Frederick D. Walse . . | Concord . . . | June 16, 1878. |
| | | | Perry Stowell . . . | Bordentown . . | June 12, 1878. |
| Roger W. Woodbury . . | Denver . . . | Aug. 14, 1882. | W. H. Cox . . . | Lockport . . . | Jan. 14, 1884. |
| William D. Todd . . . | Denver . . . | | Joshua M. Booth . . . | Raleigh . . . | Aug. 22, 1882. |
| Harper M. Orinhood . . | Denver . . . | Aug. 2, 1878. | William H. Fide . . . | Cleveland . . . | June 10, 1878. |
| J. M. Strickler . . . | Denver . . . | July 29, 1878. | Jas. D. Richardson . . | Harrisburg . . . | June 24, 1878. |
| Ed. C. Parmelee . . . | Georgetown | May 7, 1884. | Kittredge Huskins . . | Murfreesboro . . | July 14, 1878. |
| John R. Hambel . . . | Georgetown | April 1, 1879. | Charles F. Scott . . . | Brattleboro . . | April 26, 1884. |
| M. H. Fitch . . . | Pueblo . . . | April 6, 1884. | | Farkersburg . . | May 12, 1879. |

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

| ALABAMA | GRAND COMMANDER | RESIDENCE. | GRAND RECORDER. | RESIDENCE. | COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE. | RESIDENCE. |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Alabama | James T. Holtzclaw | Montgomery. | Daniel Sayre | Montgomery. | Palmer J. Pillans | Mobile. |
| Arkansas | Philip F. Atkinson | Fort Smith. | James A. Henry | Little Rock. | Grand Recorder. | |
| California | Philip W. Kuyser | Mayville. | Thomas H. Caswell | San Francisco. | | |
| Canada | W. J. B. Mc L. Moore | Prescott, Ont. | Daniel Spry | Georgetown. | Harper M. Oranhood. | Denver. |
| Colorado | Horace N. Banks | South Pueblo. | Ed. C. Partridge | Hartford | Grand Recorder. | Yankton. |
| Connecticut | Wm. E. Seeley | Bridgeport | Joseph K. Wheeler | Huron | George B. Hall | Yankton. |
| Dakota | Levi B. French | Yankton | Bruce M. Rowley | Savannah | Roland B. Hall | Macom. |
| Georgia | Thos. J. B. White | Savannah | Sam. W. Hamilton | Chicago | Henry C. Ranny | Chicago. |
| Illinois | John L. White | Bloomington. | Gil. W. Barnard | Indianapolis | E. A. Gullbert. | Indianapolis. |
| Iowa | Wm. A. McGrew | Indianapolis | John M. Bramwell | Des Moines | Grand Recorder. | Dubuque. |
| Kansas | Barlow E. Langdon | Ottumwa | John C. Parish | Wyandotte | Chas. R. Woodruff | Louisville. |
| Kentucky | James M. Lappell | Fort Scott. | John H. Brown | Covington | | Portland. |
| Louisiana | A. L. Abbott | Frankfort. | Lor. D. Croninger | New Orleans | Stephen Berry | Baltimore. |
| Maine | John O. Shaw | Bath | Richard Lambert | Portland | Wm. T. Adreon | |
| Maryland | W. Abrahams | Baltimore | Ira Berry | Baltimore | Grand Recorder. | |
| Mass.& R.I. Isl'd | W. Abrahams | Lowell | Charles T. Sisco | Boston | Grand Recorder. | |
| Michigan | Chas. C. Hutchins | Coldwater | Alfred F. Chapman | Grand Rapids. | Grand Recorder. | |
| Minnesota | R. Allen Hall | St. Paul. | Wm. P. Innis | St. Paul | Chas. M. Erwin. | Winona. |
| Mississippi | W. D. Cornish | Granada | A. T. C. Pierson | Jackson | Grand Recorder. | |
| Missouri | Wm. F. Fowler | Hamilton | J. L. Power | St. Louis | John J. Bell | Omaha. |
| Nebraska | Geo. F. Rogers | Lincoln | W. H. Mayo | Omaha | Exeter. | |
| N. Hampshire | Thomas Sewell | Keene | Wm. R. Bowen | Concord. | Grand Recorder. | Brooklyn. |
| New Jersey | Dan. H. Woodward | New York | Geo. P. Cleaves | Trenton | John W. Simons | Durham. |
| New York | John H. Ackerman | Jersey City | Robert Macy | New York | James Southgate | Cincinnati. |
| N. H. Carolina | Peter Forrester | Raleigh | James C. Munda | St. Louis | Wm. J. Kelly | Philadelphia. |
| Ohio | Donald W. Buln | Dayton | James Nesbitt | St. Louis | | |
| Pennsylvania | Ell Fasold | Albion | Charles F. Meyer | Troy | John C. McCoy | Dallas. |
| Tennessee | Edwin C. Martin | Chattanooga | Wilber F. Foster | Philadelphia | Fred. S. Fisher | St. Johnsbury. |
| Texas | John B. Nicklin | Chattanooga | Robert Brewster | Nashville | Wm. C. Swain | |
| Vermont | Nat. W. Hunter | Palestine | Robert Brewster | Houston | | |
| Virginia | Thad. M. Chapman | Middlebury | W. C. Bradbury | Vergennes | | |
| West Virginia | Frank A. Reed | Alexandria | Wm. F. Isaacs | Richmond | | |
| Wisconsin | Will. H. Riggs | Martinsburg | Geo. F. Irvine | Richmond | | |
| United States | Geo. H. Benzenburg | Milwaukee | John W. Larkin | Whitling | | |
| | Robert E. Withers | Wytheville, Va | S. Parvin | Milwaukee | | |
| | | | | Cedar Rps, Ia | | |

CODE OF STATUTES
OF
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR and the Appendant Orders of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

Jurisdiction.

SECTION 1. Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

Objects.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause annul and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies

that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

SECTION 1. The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II., of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

SECTION 1. The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at the City of Denver on the Friday succeeding the first Tuesday of October of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75).

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For Dispensation, ninety dollars (\$90); and for Charter, the further sum of ten dollars (\$10).

SEC. 3. Each Subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand

Commandery the sum of five dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of one dollar annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every Subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns, a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each Annual Conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

SECTION 1. Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committee of three Sir Knights each, viz;

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year and report at the next Annual Conclave; also a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING ORDERS.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of August in each year, for such an amount as may be necessary to pay the dues due from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar.—1876, page 13.

Garfield's Tactics and Drill adopted for the use and government of the Subordinate Commanderies of Colorado —1877, page 71.

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery donates to the M. W. Grand Lodge Library all the proceedings of its sister Grand Commanderies and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on the condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Commandery.—1878, page 18.

By Chapter 44 of the Code of Statutes, the Grand Commandery is prohibited from making any change in the uniform as adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1862.

The purchase of "uniform" uniforms can best be regulated by the Subordinate Commanderies taking the matter under their own immediate control, and making contracts with a particular manufacturer for supplying their wants. And Subordinate Commanderies are hereby instructed to see that uniforms hereafter obtained by or for their members be made in every respect according to the statutes of the Grand Encampment.—1882, page 14.

Resolved, That the Ritual as promulgated by the General Grand Encampment of the United States at the Triennial Conclave held in 1883, and known as the "Short Form" of Ritual, be and hereby is adopted as the work of said Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.—1885, page 14.

That hereafter each application to receive the Orders of Knighthood in this Jurisdiction shall bear upon its face the following words: "This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected."—1885, page 14.

A rejected candidate shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and upon conviction, expelled from the Order. It is hereby declared to be the duty of the Eminent Commander or Recorder of each Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery to publish this statute to his Commandery whenever a petition for the Orders shall be voted upon by his Commandery.—1885, page 15.

Resolved, That article 5 of the Code of Statutes be amended as follows: The words "The third Tuesday of September of each year" to be changed to "the first Tuesday in October."

Provided, however, that this change shall only apply to the Annual Conclave for 1886. Thereafter the article shall stand and be as it now reads, without further vote or action of this Grand Commandery, the intention being merely to change the time of meeting of the next Annual Conclave, on account of the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States.—1885, page 15.

Resolved, That the advice of Grand Commander Maxwell in his Address, upon the impropriety of establishing new Commanderies, unless sufficiently far removed from old Commanderies as not to interfere with their efficiency, receives the hearty endorsement of this Grand Commandery.—1885, page 19.

DECISIONS

NOW IN FORCE, AS APPROVED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

Only those who joined in the petition for the Dispensation, and those who received the orders in the Commandery, compose a Commandery Under Dispensation. New members, other than those who received the orders in the Commandery, cannot be received by a Commandery while under dispensation.—*H. M. Orakood, 1880, page 6.*

The Recorder should only receive money or its equivalent, and at once deposit it with the Treasurer, and no money should be withdrawn from the Treasurer's hands, except by order of the Commandery or E. C. when properly authorized.—*M. Spangler, 1882, page 7.*

The Em. Commander of a Commandery stated by letter that Sir —, J. W., had removed from the State and desired a dimit, but that he did not see how it could be granted. I wrote him to grant the dimit if the Sir Knight was in good standing and his dues were paid.

A Commandery U. D. can perform only such acts as are defined in the Dispensation, i. e.: to meet as a Commandery and to confer the Orders of Knighthood. They cannot admit unaffiliated Knights to membership while under dispensation.

The Commander of Mt. of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5 applied under date of July 5, 1883, for the privilege to act upon a petition for membership prior to the expiration of the required six months from the date of a former rejection of same applicant on the ground that the member who had cast the only black ball at the previous ballot dimitted and the applicant desired to visit San Francisco as a Knight, in August. I decided that the rejection of the applicant was perfectly legal, and there was no good reason why he should not wait the usual period.—*M. H. Fitch, 1883, page 5.*

To the last decision the Grand Commandery adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which said:

This decision is approved and heartily recommended for the guidance of Grand Commanders in similar cases in future.—1883, page 10.

My correspondence, in the nature of advice and instructions to Sir Knights engaged in the starting of new Commanderles, has been somewhat extensive, and I report some of the features, which may appear trivial to you, for the instruction of such as are not so well informed and may desire to inaugurate new Commanderles hereafter.

Sir Knights engaged in the inauguration of new Commanderles should first of all obtain from the Grand Recorder a copy of the last proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and a copy of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Affiliated Sir Knights should not apply for dimits in order to sign a petition for dispensation.

Sir Knights already possessing dimits should forward them with the petition.

Applications should show from whence the applicants hail.

A recommendation of a petition, though of a general character and not specific according to formula, should be understood as covering all points that are essential for the Grand Commander to know.

All papers essential for a dispensation become part of the permanent records of the Grand Recorder's office, and mutilated papers therefore cannot be accepted.

Promises to forward essential papers at some future period after the issuance of dispensation are useless. The papers must be supplied in advance.

Labored assertions to the Grand Commander that applications are correct and ought to be satisfactory, should be avoided as superfluous and bordering on impertinence.

Petitions must be endorsed by the nearest Commandery, and not necessarily by the most convenient.

The officers of a Commandery under dispensation cannot be installed, but, on receipt of their authority, assemble the Sir Knights, read the same, open a Commandery and proceed to work.

The Grand Commander cannot take five or six Sir Knights to visit a neighboring town, there open a Commandery and make enough Knights to apply for a dispensation; and no Grand Commander would do so if he could.

All signers to the application for dispensation and all knighted in that Commandery, have the right to vote on petitions in a Commandery under dispensation.

The three principal officers of a Commandery under dispensation, as such, cannot form and open a Commandery for the transaction of business as three Sir Knights hailing from three different Commanderies under the sanction of a warrant from some Grand Commandery.

Question — "Can a non-affiliate in Lodge and Chapter receive the orders in Colorado?" *Answer in full* — "The Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States declares it unnecessary for an applicant for the orders to be a member of Lodge or Chapter; yet another section declares that expulsion or suspension from his Masonic rights by Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery and of all intercourse with the Order. The Grand Lodge of Colorado has a law that all non-affiliates not making application for membership within twelve months shall be deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry. A Grand Master's ruling on this has been approved by Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge, that the penalty for non-affiliation can be inflicted only after charges and trial. There is, therefore, no law to prevent the orders being conferred on a non-affiliated Master and Royal Arch Mason. Yet, if such person has been a non-affiliated Master for twelve months, he is every day living in opposition to a Grand Lodge law, for which he is liable at any moment to be placed under charges and convicted; in which event he would be deprived of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with

the Order. Therefore, while the non-affiliate is eligible for the orders if not deprived of his Masonic rights, it is certainly not prudent to confer them upon him during existing Grand Lodge laws."—*R. W. Woodbury, 1884, pages 8 to 9.*

A member cannot interpose an objection to the conferring of the Order in the midst of the ceremony, for reasons that existed prior to the initial steps. —*J. P. Maxwell, 1886, page 10.*

FORMS.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir ———,

Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at ———, and to be known as ——— Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir ——— to be the first Commander; Sir ——— to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir ——— to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at ———, in the County of ———, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the Order.

Dated, ———

*The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order, and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of ——— Commandery
No. ———, Knights Templar, stationed at ———, Colorado:*

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in ——— Lodge No. ———, and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A., in ——— Chapter No. ———, and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is _____

Residence, _____

Occupation, _____

Dated at _____, Colo., _____, A. D. 18—.

We recommend Companion _____ to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

(This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information save that he has been rejected.)

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report _____

_____, Colo., _____, A. D. 18—, A. O. 76—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of _____ Commandery
No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at _____, Colorado:

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, and late a member of _____ Commandery No. —, stationed at _____, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is _____

Residence, _____

Occupation, _____

_____, Col., _____, A. D. 18—, A. O. 76—.

We recommend Sir _____ to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF COLORADO.



AT ITS
ELEVENTH CONCLAVE

HELD AT DENVER,

October 8th. A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

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SIR AARON GOVE, Denver.....G. Commander.
SIR ALBERT H. BRANCH, Leadville.....D. G. Commander.
SIR JAMES H. PEABODY, Canon City.....G. Generalissimo.
SIR GEORGE WYMAN, Longmont.....G. Capt. General.
SIR RICHARD HARVEY, Central City.....G. Prelate.
SIR SAMUEL H. THOMPSON, Durango.....G. S. Warden.
SIR EPHRAIM J. CASTLE, Pueblo.....G. J. Warden.
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SIR SIDNEY A. SHEPPERD, Denver.....G. Standard Bearer.
SIR HORACE O. DODGE, Boulder.....G. Sword Bearer.
SIR HENRY T. WEST, GreeleyG. Warder.
SIR THOMAS LINTON, Denver.....G. C. of Guard.

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COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver. SIR GEORGE WYMAN, Longmont.
SIR CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Georgetown.

The Twelfth Annual will be held in Denver September 23, 1887.

Grant's "Tactics and Manual" were adopted for the use and government of Subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.



GRAND COMMANDERY

OF COLORADO.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

1886.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado met in Annual Conclave at the Asylum of Colorado Commandery No. 1, in Denver, Friday, October 8th, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The following Sir Knights were present:

OFFICERS:

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| SIR HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo..... | G. Commander. |
| SIR AARON GOVE, Denver..... | D. G. Commander. |
| SIR CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Georgetown..... | G. Generalissimo. |
| SIR ALBERT H. BRANCH, Leadville..... | G. Capt General. |
| SIR JAMES H. PEABODY, Canon City..... | G. Prelate. |
| SIR JOSEPH H. PLAYTER, Leadville..... | as G. S. Warden. |
| SIR RICHARD HARVEY, Central City..... | G. J. Warden. |
| SIR WM. D. TODD, Denver..... | G. Treasurer. |
| SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, Georgetown..... | G. Recorder. |
| SIR SIDNEY A. SHEPPERD, Denver..... | G. Standard Bearer. |
| SIR SAMUEL H. THOMPSON, Durango | G. Sword Bearer. |
| SIR GEORGE WYMAN, Longmont..... | G. Warder. |
| SIR THOMAS LINTON, Denver..... | G. C. of Guard. |

PERMANENT MEMBERS:

HENRY M. TELLER.....P. G. C.
 IRVING W. STANTON.....P. G. C.
 HARPER M. ORAHOOD.....P. G. C.
 MICHAEL H. FITCH.....P. G. C.
 ROGER W. WOODBURY.....P. G. C.

—and representatives from twelve Commanderies—all
 but No 13.

OPENED.

The Grand Commandery was opened in KNIGHTLY
 FORM.

CREDENTIALS.

THE GRAND RECORDER,
 RICHARD HARVEY,
 CHARLES H. JACOBSON,

were appointed as a Committee on Credentials,

Who soon presented their report, which was adopted.
 The report, with additional reports from the same Com-
 mittee during the session, showed the following Sir
 Knights present:

GRAND OFFICERS AND PERMANENT MEMBERS:

—as before given.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

CALIFORNIA—HARPER M. ORAHOOD.
 GEORGIA—HENRY M. TELLER.
 ILLINOIS—HENRY M. TELLER.
 INDIANA—IRVING W. STANTON.
 IOWA—IRVING W. STANTON,
 LOUISIANA—ROGER W. WOODBURY.
 MARYLAND—ROGER W. WOODBURY.
 NEBRASKA—JAMES H. PEABODY.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE—ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER.
 NORTH CAROLINA—ROGER W. WOODBURY.
 OHIO—WM. D. TODD.
 PENNSYLVANIA—HARPER M. ORAHOOD.
 VERMONT—ED. C. PARMELEE.
 WISCONSIN—MICHAEL HENDRICK FITCH.

PAST COMMANDER

HENRY T. WEST.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMANDERIES.

(Those present in *Italics*.)

| NAME OF COMMANDERY. | PROXIES. |
|---|--|
| Colorado No. 1, Denver..... | <i>Aaron Gove, E. C.</i> |
| “ “ | <i>Wm. E. Greenlee, G.</i> |
| “ “ | <i>Sidney A. Shepperd, C. G.</i> |
| Central City No. 2, Central City..... | Wm. Fullerton, E. C..... <i>Henry M. Teller.</i> |
| “ “ | Newton D. Owen, G..... <i>Richard Harvey.</i> |
| “ “ | Edward F. Clinton, C. G. <i>Perry A. Kline.</i> |
| Pueblo No. 3, Pueblo..... | <i>Ephraim J. Castle, E. C.</i> |
| “ “ | <i>James S. Stewart, G</i> |
| “ “ | Wm. H. Sweeney, C. G. <i>J. T. Clark.</i> |
| Georgetown No. 4, Georgetown..... | Warren M. Fletcher, E. C. <i>Ed. C. Parmelee.</i> |
| “ “ | <i>George H. Barrett, G.</i> |
| “ “ | <i>Charles H. Jacobson, C. G.</i> . |
| Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5, Leadville..... | <i>Joseph H. Playter, E. C.</i> |
| “ “ | Frank H. Officer, G..... <i>Geo. R. Smith.</i> |
| “ “ | <i>John W. Flintham, C. G.</i> ... |
| Pike's Peak No. 6, Colo. Springs..... | <i>L. C. Skinner, E. C.</i> |
| “ “ | Joseph F. Humphrey, G.. |
| “ “ | James M. Ellison, C. G.. |
| Mount Sinai No. 7, Boulder..... | <i>Horace O. Dodge, E. C.</i> |
| “ “ | Thomas Danford, G..... <i>Edward S. Walker.</i> |
| “ “ | Albert T. Henry, C. G.... |
| Gunnison No. 8, Gunnison..... | A. Judson Bean, E. C..... <i>John Kinkaid.</i> |
| “ “ | Eugene P. Shove, G..... <i>John Kinkaid.</i> |
| “ “ | Nathan'l Jennings, C. G. <i>Wm. J. Fine.</i> |
| Canon City No. 9, Canon City..... | <i>James H. Peabody, E. C.</i> ... |
| “ “ | <i>Wm. T. Bratwell, G.</i> |
| “ “ | Edwin C. Gray, C. G..... <i>Wm. R. Frisbie.</i> |
| Greeley No. 10, Greeley | <i>Henry B. Jackson, E. C.</i> ... |
| “ “ | Charles W. Wulfsen, G... <i>Henry B. Jackson.</i> |
| “ “ | <i>Sharon Atkinson, C. G.</i> |
| Ivanhoe No. 11, Durango..... | Joseph C. Langley, E. C. <i>W. H. Dixon.</i> |
| “ “ | A. R. Lewis, G..... <i>Geo. Weaver.</i> |
| “ “ | Edw'd Lambert, Jr., C. G. <i>W. H. Dixon.</i> |
| Long's Peak No. 12, Longmont..... | <i>George Wyman, E. C.</i> |
| “ “ | Lewis H. Dickson, G..... |
| “ “ | <i>Byron L. Carr, C. G.</i> |
| De Molay No. 13, Fort Collins..... | <i>Chas. L. Ingersoll, E. C.</i> ... |
| “ “ | Thos. M. Robinson, G..... <i>Andrew Armstrong.</i> |
| “ “ | Peter Anderson, C. G..... |

USE OF ASYLUM.

A communication from Colorado Commandery No. 1, tendering the use of its Asylum for this Annual Conclave, was read and ordered placed on file.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following committees:

ON FINANCE.

HENRY B. JACKSON,
JOHN KINKAID,
SAMUEL H. THOMPSON.

ON RETURNS AND WORK.

JAMES H. PEABODY,
JOSEPH H. PLAYTER,
L. C. SKINNER.

ON PETITIONS, GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

AARON GOVE,
MICHAEL H. FITCH,
GEORGE WYMAN.

ON PRINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

EPHRAIM J. CASTLE,
HENRY T. WEST,
WM. H. DIXON.

The Grand Commander delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

I extend to each of you a hearty welcome to our Eleventh Annual Conclave. Since we last met, twelve months, laden with the precious fruits of Knightly duties well performed, or burdened with the weight of golden opportunities neglected, have slipped by and are gone forever. The records they bear with them are beyond recall and eternity's seal *forever and forever* placed upon them. When opened by the Grand Recorder may we indulge the hope that our Knightly vows have been kept inviolate, our Knightly pledges redeemed and our glorious Order advanced and promoted.

The experience of the past will furnish lessons for our future, and in counsel and communion together this gathering may be productive of great good. At the threshold of our labors let us not be unmindful of Him whose loving kindness and tender mercies enable us to meet in unbroken columns and surrounded by so many signal tokens of His goodness.

Invoking the aid of His Divine counsel in our work we will approach it with the true Knightly spirit without which Templarism would be a sham and its magnificent conceptions a barren delusion.

In our legislative duties now before us, great responsibility is placed upon us. In the deliberations of our session let our aim and object be the increase of Templar activity in all departments of our work; a deeper consecration to the teachings, tenets and practices of our beloved Order, to the end that humanity may be more largely benefited, distress and poverty mitigated, sorrow and misery, woe and wretchedness alleviated and soothed; the banner of the cross uplifted higher and Templar Masonry in Colorado advanced to a plane as pure and high as our mountain atmosphere.

The year just closed finds our Order in a conservatively healthy condition. Its growth is more due to natural accretion than spasmodic revivals, the latter a feature, I believe, characteristic of Triennial years.

Nothing has been brought to my notice that would indicate other than a peaceful, happy, fraternal feeling prevailing throughout the entire Jurisdiction, a condition we trust that will long exist. We have been very fortunate in our membership—good and true, tried and valorous Knights and loyal Christian gentlemen make up our rank and file. May their number increase.

In the performance of the important duties of the high office so generously intrusted to me by your suffrages, I have been greatly aided by the Deputy Grand Commander and other Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, to whom I now desire to return my grateful thanks for their aid so kindly and courteously rendered.

July 16, 1886, I granted a dispensation to eleven Sir Knights stationed at Aspen, Pitkin county, for the formation of a new Commandery, to be known as Aspen Mountain Commandery, U. D., with Sirs W. N. Burdick as Eminent Commander, L. J. W. Vary as Generalissimo and W. H. Bright as Captain General; the petition for same being recommended by Mount of Holy Cross Commandery No. 5 of Leadville. From a letter received a few days since from Sir Burdick I learn that they have created seven, that they have a fine Asylum, with all the necessary paraphernalia, entirely free from indebtedness, with over \$100 in the treasury. I recommend that a Charter be granted them at this session.

I have granted special dispensations as follows:

December 11, 1885, to Greeley Commandery No. 10 to attend Church in uniform on St. John's day in December; also to same Commandery to attend a Masonic festival in their asylum on the evening of December 28th.

April 17, 1886, to De Molay Commandery No. 13 to attend church in uniform on Easter Sunday, April 25th.

April 23, 1886, to Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5 to attend church in uniform on Easter Sunday, April 25th, 1886.

June 22, 1886, to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11 to attend a Templar ball and reception on the evening of St. John's day in June.

September 1, 1886, to Aspen Mountain Commandery U. D. to act on the petitions of several Companions for the orders of Knighthood without laying over the time required by the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States for reasons which I considered good and sufficient.

August 7, 1886, I refused special dispensation to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 11 to attend divine service in uniform August 10, 1886, the same not being a Masonic occasion.

September 21, 1886, I commissioned E. Sir James P. Maxwell, P. G. C., to constitute De Molay Commandery No. 13, stationed at Fort Collins, and to install its officers. I presume the duty was performed by Sir Maxwell, but I failed to receive returns of same.

April 17, 1886, I received a communication from Sir L. C. Skinner, E. C. Pike's Peak Commandery No. 6, stating that he and several members of their Commandery had never had the order of the Knight of Malta conferred on them, and being entitled to same, requested the appointment of Past Commander C. E. Edwards of Pike's Peak Commandery to confer same, which I granted.

December 26, 1885, accompanied by a large delegation from Pueblo Commandery No. 3, I visited Canon City Commandery No. 9, stationed at Canon City. We were right heartily welcomed and right royally entertained. During this visit I installed their officers and was gratified to find the Commandery in an excellent condition, with a live, active membership, and ably officered. On this same occasion the Order of the Temple was impressively conferred by our worthy frater, Em. Sir James H. Peabody.

And now, Sir Knights, a word of confession and a prayer for absolution: I have not been as faithful in the line of visiting as duty demands. I regard the annual visitation of each Commandery as a sacred duty on the part of your Grand Commander. The prompt annual visit to each Subordinate Commandery will not only tend to better discipline, but is calculated to provoke that generous rivalry which always improves the *morale* of the Body. It also familiarizes the Grand Commander with the field of his jurisdiction, and enables him to more advisedly suggest needed legislation. I might plead close attention to private business, but will not, and only urge on my successor such zealous performance in this regard as to retrieve in some measure my neglect.

October 15, 1885, I received the following communication from E. Sir Joseph H. Playter, Em. Com. Mount Holy Cross Commandery No. 5:

LEADVILLE, COLO., October 14, 1885.

Horace N. Banks, Eminent Grand Commander, Pueblo, Colo.:

EMINENT SIR:—I desire to submit a question to you for your decision, and advice as to what action my Commandery should take in the matter.

A member of my Commandery who was knighted here in 1880, left this place some time in 1881, and has resided in another portion of the State ever since. He has failed to pay any dues whatever since 1880, although he has been repeatedly notified and requested to do so. No action has been taken by this Commandery looking toward his suspension or any punishment for his delinquencies. His name still appears upon our membership roll, and we this year paid Grand Commandery dues upon him. A few days ago we received a notification from a Commandery in this State to the effect that this Sir Knight had, early in 1884, signed a petition for dispensation, and that afterward, and on September 19, 1884, he had signed a petition for Charter, which was by the Grand Commandery in 1884 granted, and under Templar Law he became thereby a member of the new Commandery, and ceased to be a member of this one. It was plainly their duty to notify us at that time; but, failing to do so, they notify us now, and offer to pay his dues from the time the Charter was granted—when they should have notified us—to the present time. Now, the question is whether we should lose all claim and jurisdiction over the Sir Knight while he is about four years in arrears for dues, and thus be deprived of that amount which is rightfully due us. There is no doubt as to his having acted in bad faith and in an un-knightly manner toward this Commandery. There cannot be two opinions on that subject; but what is our remedy, if any, and what do you advise us to do in the matter?

By giving the matter your early attention, and favoring me with an early reply, you will greatly oblige,

Truly, fraternally, yours,

JOSEPH H. PLAYTER,

Em. Com. Mount of Holy Cross Commandery No. 5.

I answered substantially as follows: I am of the opinion that the Sir Knight referred to in your communication should pay dues to your Commandery up to the time of his signing petition for Charter of new Commandery, and the Grand Commandery should remit the Grand Commandery dues paid by your Commandery on the Sir Knight for years 1884 and 1885.

The Sir Knight signing the petition for Charter makes him a member of that Commandery, and your Commandery loses jurisdiction over him ; but he should pay dues in his old Commandery up to the signing of the petition for Charter of new Commandery.

During the year I have been the recipient of numerous letters asking decisions on simple questions which a casual reference to the Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States would have determined at once. I have always promptly answered those questions, and do not refer to it here in the nature of a reproof. I do, however, suggest and urge on the various Commanderies within this Jurisdiction that they familiarize themselves as much as possible with the Statutes and reported decisions of the Order.

December 10, 1885, on the recommendation of the Grand Commander of Nebraska, I appointed E. Sir Henry Gibbon as the Representative of this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

February 16, 1886, on the recommendation of the Grand Commander of Texas, I appointed E. Sir John Martin as the Representative of this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of Texas.

I have also recommended the appointment of the following Sir Knights as Representatives near our Grand Commandery : For Nebraska, E. Sir James H. Peabody ; for Texas, E. Sir A. J. Bean, and for re-appointment for Vermont, E. Sir Ed. C. Parmelee.

The recent Triennial Encampment in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, was a notable event in American Templarism. Aside from its magnificent pageantry, its grand display of power and intelligence, its legislative enactments mark a red letter day in our Masonic calendar. The adoption of a uniform ritual coextensive with its jurisdiction is a matter worthy of the most sincere congratulation on the part of every true Knight Templar. Its direct effect will be to at once check that insidious tendency to disintegration and disorganization that has been manifesting itself for the past two decades.

The change in this respect alone will have an excellent bearing on the stability and perpetuity of our Order, making its future as certain and stable as any human institution can be.

The Federal organization of the Grand Encampment is the strongest and best feature in it.

A great deal of harsh criticism arises from the external displays that always attend its sessions. Opinions vary widely as to the wisdom or propriety of these displays. Such opinions should crystallize into a definite resolution, pro or con. For my part, I see neither impropriety nor foolishness in them. Templarism is more than a name—it is a living, active, vitalizing force, as pregnant with good as any

agent of modern civilization. Its practical side, exposed to the world, should be attractive, should be grand, should be glittering. No greater army ever pressed the soil of earth; no greater crusade was ever inaugurated, no greater victories ever won than ours. Let us keep up our helmets, swords and nodding plumes, our glittering uniforms and brilliant pageants. The world is all the better for them.

All hail, City of the royal name! Thy kingly hospitality and royal welcome to our Colorado pilgrims will not soon be forgotten. Next to our own beautiful Queen City of the Plains will we ever hold thee in grateful remembrance. Thou art the peer of all else. Thy men are as gallant, chivalrous, Christian knights as ever drew sword in aid of innocence and virtue. Thy women!—Heaven help my rude tongue to do their beauty and their virtues justice. But no; I stop and yield the task to the poet's pen and the orator's silver tongue. We Knights of Colorado have borne with us to our Colorado homes visions of beauty and of virtue that daily speak to us of Paradise.

In the preparation and labor for the Twenty-third Triennial Encampment, my grateful thanks are due to Deputy Grand Commander Gove and the Triennial Committee for their hearty support and co-operation.

And now, Sir Knights, in closing this very brief review of our year's experience, I cheerfully surrender to abler hands the emblem of authority entrusted to me. In all my official relations I have been kindly and generously supported and sustained by those of my Brethren I have come in contact with. Indulging the hope that any errors will be pardoned and shortcomings overlooked, I once more ask the guidance of Divine wisdom on our Order, and extend to each and all a hearty fraternal greeting

Courteously submitted,

HORACE N. BANKS,
Grand Commander.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER'S REPORT.

The Deputy Grand Commander presented the following:

DENVER, COLO., October 1, 1886.

During the absence of Grand Commander Horace N. Banks from this Jurisdiction, as Deputy Grand Commander, upon request of Eminent Sir Knight George Wyman, Eminent Commander of Long's Peak Commandery No. 12, I issued, on April 28, a Dispensation to that Commandery to appear in public parade for the purpose of act-

ing as escort to the Grand Master of A. F. & A. M. of Colorado on the occasion of the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of Longmont College, at Longmont, Colo., on the 17th day of May, 1886.

AARON GOVE,
Deputy Grand Commander.

ADDRESSES REFERRED.

On motion, the addresses were referred to a special committee.

WM. T. BRIDWELL,
HENRY B. JACKSON,
IRVING W. STANTON

were appointed said committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

The following was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Finance:

WM. D. TODD, GRAND TREAS., IN ACC. WITH GRAND COMMANDERY, K. T., COLO.
Sept. 18, 1885—To balance.....\$3,582 04
Oct. 5, 1886— " Grand Recorder..... 1,065 31

By warrants—

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| 47..... | \$ 25 00 |
| 48..... | 125 00 |
| 49..... | 75 00 |
| 50..... | 25 00 |
| 51..... | 22 50 |
| 52..... | 233 25 |
| 53..... | 25 00 |
| 54..... | 5 00 |
| 55..... | 200 00 |

Aug. 8—To balance.....\$ 735 75
3,911 60

\$4,647 35 \$4,647 35.

For which find certified check, with vouchers for disbursements.

Courteously submitted,
WM. D. TODD,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

The following was read, and on motion the financial part thereof was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the balance to the Committee on Returns and Work:

To the Grand Commandery of Colorado:

September 18, 1885, a Charter was issued to De Molay Commandery No. 13, stationed at Fort Collins.

Besides our usual exchanges, I have received Reprint of Grand Commandery of Michigan, 1857-1871, and have placed same in the Grand Lodge Library.

I have drawn warrants on our Grand Treasurer—

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| On account of contingent fund..... | \$ 75 00 |
| " " " salaries..... | 150 00 |
| " " " supplies for Grand Commander..... | 22 50 |
| " " " printing Proceedings..... | 233 25 |
| " " " compilation..... | 25 00 |
| " " " printing circulars..... | 30 00 |
| " " " Triennial appropriation..... | 2 0 00 |
| Total..... | \$735 75 |

I have received—

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| Nov. 7, 1886. For Charter De Molay No. 13..... | \$ 10 00 |
| Feb. 10, 1886. " Proceedings sold..... | 50 |
| July 17, 1886. " Dispensation Aspen Mountain, U. D..... | 90 00 |
| Aug. 25, 1886. " dues Canon City No. 9..... | 95 00 |
| Aug. 30, 1886. " " Gunnison No. 8..... | 67 00 |
| Sept. 1, 1886. " " Central City No. 2..... | 31 00 |
| Sept. 7, 1886. " " Mount of the Holy Cross No. 5..... | 89 00 |
| Sept. 8, 1886. " " Colorado No. 1..... | 224 00 |
| Sept. 11, 1886. " " Pueblo No. 3..... | 157 00 |
| Sept. 14, 1886. " " Mount Sinai No. 7..... | 88 00 |
| Sept. 15, 1886. " " Greeley No. 10..... | 29 00 |
| Sept. 15, 1886. " " Ivanhoe No. 11..... | 60 00 |
| Sept. 18, 1886. " " Pike's Peak No. 6..... | 32 00 |
| Sept. 18, 1886. " " Georgetown No. 4..... | 37 00 |
| Sept. 24, 1886. " " Long's Peak No. 12..... | 40 00 |
| Balance of contingent fund..... | 15 81 |
| Total..... | \$1,065 31 |

And have paid the Grand Treasurer.....\$1,065 31

De Molay Commandery No. 13 made returns and paid dues since the Grand Commandery opened.

Aspen Mountain Commandery, U. D., has returned its Dispensation, and presents a petition for Charter, but has not made returns or paid dues.

All the other Chartered Commanderies have made returns and paid dues.

The practice of reporting names of honorary members in the list of active members causes confusion. They should be reported under a separate heading.

The custom, heretofore practiced in this jurisdiction, of one person signing all the names to the petition for Charter, is in my opinion entirely wrong.

I would suggest that the Committee on Charters be required to name in their report each Sir Knight who is to become a Charter member of a new Commandery; and

That the Recorders of Commanderies be required, immediately after the Annual Installation, to furnish the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder with a list of the elected officers.

ED. C. PARMELEE,

Grand Recorder.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The commissions of Sir James H. Peabody as Grand Representative from the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, and of Sir A. Judson Bean, as Grand Representative from the Grand Commandery of Texas, were presented, and on motion they were received and welcomed as Representatives from said Jurisdictions, near this Grand Commandery.

AMENDING STATUTES.

Sir I. W. Stanton offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Amend Section 3, Article VI., of the Code of Statutes, by striking out the words "one dollar," in line five of said Section 3, and inserting the words "fifty cents."

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Harper M. Orahood and Irving W. Stanton to fill vacancies in the Committee on Jurisprudence.

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Arrangements for Triennial Conclave at St. Louis made a verbal report of their action, and of some demands claimed for expenses. After discussion, it was moved that the whole matter be referred to the Triennial Committee, with power to act, and at the expense of the Grand Commandery to make settlement of such demands.

Motion carried.

REPORT ON ADDRESSES.

Sir W. T. Bridwell presented the following, which was on motion adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, respectfully submit the following report:

That portion of the address referring to Dispensations for new Commanderies be referred to the Committee on Returns and Work.

That so much as refers to decisions and special Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the appointment of Sir Henry Gibbon as Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, and Sir John Martin as Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Texas, be approved.

That portion of the address relating to the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment be referred to a special Committee of three.

That the report of the Deputy Grand Commander be approved.

W. T. BRIDWELL,
H. B. JACKSON,
I. W. STANTON.

SIR R. W. WOODBURY,
SIR S. A. SHEPHERD and
SIR H. M. ORAHOOD

were appointed as said special Committee.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock
p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 8, 1886, 2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor,
Grand Commander Banks presiding.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

The following report was read, and, on motion, adopted and warrants ordered drawn on the Grand Treasurer as therein recommended :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your Committee on Finance report that they have examined the report of the Grand Treasurer and the financial part of the Grand Recorder's report, and find the same correct.

Your Committee further recommend that the sum of seventy-five dollars be placed to the credit of the Grand Recorder, to be used by him, or such part thereof as may be necessary, as a contingent fund for the ensuing year.

The Committee further recommend that a warrant be drawn in favor of the Grand Recorder for \$150 for services for the past year, and that a warrant of \$25 be drawn in favor of the Grand Captain of the Guard for services at this Annual Conclave.

H. B. JACKSON,
S. H. THOMPSON.

REPORT ON RETURNS AND WORK—CHARTER GRANTED.

Sir J. H. Peabody presented the following, which was on motion adopted, and a Charter ordered to be issued to Aspen Mountain Commandery No. 14, as therein recommended :

To the Grand Commandery :

Your Committee on Returns and Work respectfully and fraternally report that they have examined the returns for 1886 of all the Chartered Commanderies in Colorado, and find the several errors therein as follows :

Mount Sinai Commandery No. 7 reports E. E. Lowman as dimitted by reason of his being a Charter member of a new Commandery in Nebraska, but do not mention the date of said Charter ; your Committee are therefore of the opinion that said Commandery owes \$1 dues for 1886.

Cañon City Commandery No. 9 report ten members created, but do not pay Grand Commandery dues on them ; they therefore owe a balance of \$10.

Long's Peak Commandery No. 12 have no impression of a seal attached to their report. Your Committee would suggest that they at once provide themselves with a seal.

The returns from De Molay Commandery No. 13 are not signed by the Eminent Commander, nor have any seal attached. We recommend that they make said necessary corrections; and

That the Grand Recorder proceed at once to collect from the several Commanderies the amounts mentioned herein.

Your Committee would further report that they have examined the papers from Aspen Mountain Commandery, U. D.

We find the minutes of their several Conclaves to have been kept on slips of paper, and in poor form generally. Their By-Laws, as adopted, are in the main in good form and in accordance with Templar usage. We would recommend the following changes:

Section 1, Article II., provides for the "election of officers at the stated Conclave in December." As they further provide that two stated Conclaves shall be held in each month, your Committee recommend that said Section be changed so as to read, "the *first* stated Conclave in December."

Section 3, Article IV., provides that the Treasurer shall give a bond of one thousand dollars to the Eminent Commander. We would recommend that it be made to the Commandery instead.

We find that they have constituted seven and created seven, but have not paid any Grand Commandery dues. Believing this neglect to be due more to ignorance of our By-Laws than from any intentional error, we would recommend that a Charter be granted them under the name of Aspen Mountain Commandery No. 14, with Sir Knight W. N. Burdick, E. C.; L. J. W. Vary, Generalissimo; W. H. Bright, Captain General; and that the same be retained by the Grand Commander until they shall have presented a proper record of their minutes in a bound book, and have paid all Grand Commandery dues up to this date.

We also report that we have examined that portion of the Grand Recorder's report which was referred to us, and would suggest that the several recommendations therein made be concurred in by this Grand Commandery.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

J. H. PEABODY,
JOS. H. PLAYTER,
L. C. SKINNER.

SIR A. R. TOWNSEND.

Sir Knight Abram R. Townsend, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, was introduced and received in knightly form.

JURISPRUDENCE—STATUTES AMENDED.

Sir R. W. Woodbury presented the following report:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to Section 3, Article VI., of the Code of Statutes, changing the

annual dues of Subordinate Commanderies to the Grand Commandery from one dollar to fifty cents, recommend the adoption of the same.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY,
H. M. ORAHOOD,
I. W. STANTON.

—which was received, and on motion the amendment to the Statutes therein recommended was adopted by more than a two-thirds vote.

Also, the following, which was received and on motion adopted by more than a two-thirds vote:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the special Dispensations and decision of the Grand Commander, courteously report that they were correctly determined and ordered. The Committee add that no Dispensations should be issued for Commanderies U. D. without each applicant be clear on the books of his Commandery to the date of the next Annual Grand Conclave, or present a dimit.

In the case stated by the Commander of Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery, your Committee are of opinion that if the Sir Knight still refuses to pay the dues assessed against him to the date of the Dispensation for the new Commandery, that Mount of the Holy Cross Commandery should prefer charges against him, and request the Commandery to which he now belongs to try him on the same.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY,
H. M. ORAHOOD,
I. W. STANTON.

STATUTES OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND RITUALS.

Sir W. D. Todd offered the following, which was on motion adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be and he is hereby directed to take such steps as may be necessary to procure a sufficient number of copies of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the U. S., and the rituals of the different Orders of Knighthood, to supply one to each of the Grand Officers (and the permanent members) of this Grand Commandery, and one each to each Commandery in the State.

PRIZE DRILL.

The following was introduced at the request of Sir W. D. Anthony, and on motion of Sir H. M. Orahood was referred to the Committee on Returns and Work:

WHEREAS, Believing that proficiency in the tactics and Templar drill has a tendency to promote interest in the Commandery and enlarge the usefulness thereof, and that friendly contests among Commanderies tend to create proficiency; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the several Commanderies subordinate to this Grand Commandery be and are hereby invited to attend the Twelfth Annual Conclave, to be holden in Denver on Friday, the 23d day of September, 1887, in full organization and uniform;

Resolved, That the sum of \$200 be and hereby is appropriated from the treasury, as prizes; that \$125 be awarded, as the first prize, to the Commandery showing most proficiency in drill, and that \$75 be awarded, as second prize, to the second-best drilled Commandery; said drill to be upon such points as may be hereafter determined.

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be and is hereby directed to appoint such committees as may hereafter be deemed necessary for the purpose of carrying these resolutions into full effect.

Resolved, That the Twelfth Annual Conclave shall be held on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, 1887, and that the same shall not finally adjourn until the said Saturday.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Sirs George R. Smith and Edward S. Walker were appointed to collect the votes.

The balloting resulted in the election of—

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| SIR AARON GOVE, Denver..... | G. Commander |
| SIR ALBERT H. BRANCH, Leadville..... | D. G. Commander |
| SIR JAMES H. PEABODY, Canon City..... | G. Generalissimo |
| SIR GEORGE WYMAN, Longmont..... | G. Capt. General |
| SIR RICHARD HARVEY, Central City..... | G. Prelate |
| SIR SAMUEL H. THOMPSON, Durango..... | G. S. Warden |
| SIR EPHRAIM J. CASTLE, Pueblo..... | G. J. Warden |
| SIR WILLIAM D. TODD, Denver..... | G. Treasurer |
| SIR ED. C. PARMELEE, Georgetown..... | G. Recorder |

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were re-elected by an unanimous vote.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following list of appointed officers was read :

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| SIR SIDNEY A. SHEPHERD, Denver..... | G. Standard Bearer |
| SIR HORACE O. DODGE, Boulder..... | G. Sword Bearer |
| SIR HENRY T. WEST, Greeley..... | G. Warder |
| SIR THOMAS LINTON, Denver..... | G. C. of Guard |

INSTALLATION.

Sir Horace N. Banks, Grand Commander, installed Sir Aaron Gove, Grand Commander elect, who installed the other elected and appointed officers.

PRIZE DRILL.

The Committee on Returns and Work presented the following report, which was, on motion of Sir W. T. Bridwell, adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

We, your Committee on Returns and Work, to whom was referred the resolution of Sir Knight Anthony, would respectfully report and recommend that said resolution be so amended as to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300), to be divided in prizes as follows:

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| First prize..... | \$150 00 |
| Second prize..... | 100 00 |
| Third prize..... | 50 00 |

—and that said resolution, together with the further recommendations contained in the resolution, be adopted.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. H. PEABODY,
JOS. H. PLAYTER,
L. C. SKINNER.

TACTICS.

Sir H. T. West offered the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery adopt Grant's Tactics for the use of the Commanderies in this Jurisdiction,

—which was on motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

PRESENTATION OF BANNER.

Sir Sidney A. Shepperd presented to the Grand Commandery the Banner used at Colorado headquarters in St. Louis, and the Guidon of the Eighteenth Division (Colorado Division) used in the parade at St. Louis at the Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which were received and ordered displayed in the Asylum of this Grand Commandery.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence, prepared by P. G. Commander H. M. Orahoo, was presented and ordered published.

TACTICS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was on motion adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution to adopt Grant's Tactics for the government of Commanderies in this Jurisdiction, courteously report and recommend that the resolution adopted by this Grand Commandery in 1877, found recorded on page 78 of the Proceedings of 1885, be repealed and the following substituted:

Resolved, That the "Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar," by H. B. Grant, be adopted for the use and government of Subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.

Courteously submitted,

R. W. WOODBURY,
H. N. BANKS.

On motion of Sir J. H. Peabody, the Grand Recorder was instructed to procure a sufficient number of "Grant's Tactics" to furnish each Commandery in this Jurisdiction with three copies, and that the Commanderies pay for the same.

THANKS.

The following were adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to Colorado Commandery No. 1 for the free use of their Asylum for this Conclave.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to the Union Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande, Denver, Texas & Gulf and Denver, Utah & Pacific Railroads, through their General Passenger Agents, for courtesies extended to the Sir Knights attending this Annual Conclave.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

SIR ROGER W. WOODBURY, Denver.
SIR HORACE N. BANKS, South Pueblo.
SIR MICHAEL SPANGLER, Denver.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver.
SIR GEORGE WYMAN, Longmont.
SIR CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Georgetown.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes were then read and approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Colorado was closed in SOLEMN and KNIGHTLY FORM, to meet in Denver on Friday, the 23d day of September, 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m.

AARON GOVE,
Grand Commander.

Attest—



Grand Recorder.

Appendix.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

LIST OF MEMBERSHIP.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATUTES.

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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received and examined the printed proceedings of the following-named Jurisdictions:

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| Alabama..... | 26th | Annual Conclave... | May 19, 1886. |
| Arkansas..... | 14th | Annual Conclave... | May 11, 1886. |
| California..... | 28th | Annual Conclave... | April 29, 1886. |
| Canada..... | 2d | Annual Conclave... | July 7, 1885. |
| Connecticut..... | 49th | Annual Conclave... | March 16, 1886. |
| Dakota..... | 3d | Annual Conclave... | May 11, 1886. |
| Georgia..... | 25th | Annual Conclave... | May 19, 1886. |
| Illinois..... | 29th | Annual Conclave... | October 27, 1885. |
| Indiana..... | 32d | Annual Conclave... | April 27, 1886. |
| Iowa..... | 22d | Annual Conclave... | October 22, 1885. |
| Kansas..... | 18th | Annual Conclave... | May 11, 1886. |
| Kentucky..... | 39th | Annual Conclave... | May 12, 1886. |
| Louisiana..... | 23d | Annual Conclave... | February 12, 1886. |
| Maine..... | 34th | Annual Conclave... | May 6, 1885. |
| Maryland..... | 15th | Annual Conclave... | November 24, 1885. |
| Mass. and Rhode Island..... | 80th | Annual Conclave... | October 28, 1885. |
| Michigan..... | 30th | Annual Conclave... | May 11, 1886. |
| Minnesota..... | 20th | Annual Conclave... | June 24, 1885. |
| Mississippi..... | 25th | Annual Conclave... | June 24, 1885. |
| Mississippi..... | 26th | Annual Conclave... | Feb. 9, 1886. |
| Missouri..... | 25th | Annual Conclave... | May 11, 1886. |
| Nebraska..... | 13th | Annual Conclave... | April 14, 1885. |
| New Hampshire..... | 26th | Annual Conclave... | Sept. 29, 1885. |
| New Jersey..... | 27th | Annual Conclave... | Sept. 8, 1885. |
| New York..... | 72d | Annual Conclave... | October 13, 1885. |
| North Carolina..... | 5th | Annual Conclave... | August 26, 1885. |
| Ohio..... | 43d | Annual Conclave... | October 8, 1885. |
| Pennsylvania..... | 32d | Annual Conclave... | May 26, 1885. |
| Tennessee..... | 24th | Annual Conclave... | May 18, 1886. |
| Texas..... | 33d | Annual Conclave... | May 12, 1886. |
| Vermont..... | 44th | Annual Conclave... | June 8, 1886. |
| Virginia..... | 63d | Annual Conclave... | November 18, 1885. |
| Wisconsin..... | 27th | Annual Conclave... | October 13, 1885. |

We have also reviewed various criticisms of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The proceedings of West Virginia have not been received, probably by reason of the custom of usually publishing only once in two years.

ALABAMA—1886.

The Grand Commander in his address reports a favorable condition of the Order throughout the jurisdiction.

By reason of the failure of the Grand Orator to deliver a public lecture the usual annual parade did not take place. The reasons in favor of this parade are stated by the Grand Commander. We think the objections to be urged against it much stronger than the reasons suggested. His statement in his address is as follows :

The accomplished Sir Knight who was to deliver the annual public lecture was compelled to decline the duty when too late for me to supply his place, hence we are at this Conclave without our usual annual parade. I am satisfied that a proper lecture in public, with the usual parade and devotional exercises, excites interest in our Order, promotes efficiency in drill and military exercises, which are a part of our Ritual; while it challenges investigation from the uninformed, who, knowing neither the history, workings, or aims of the Order, are disposed to deride it.

No decisions were officially called for. On the question of the Grand Encampment we find the following sensible but rather non-committal remarks :

In these days of cheap literature and abundant Masonic publications many grave questions relative to our Order are raised and discussed. By some it is contended that the Grand Encampment of the United States has absolute power paramount and sovereign in all respects, while others insist that it is a body of delegated powers only, having no power or vitality save such as may be delegated by the several Grand Commanderies, whose creature it is. I hardly think these questions practical or promotive of the good of the Order to discuss them. The discussion, if made to any purpose, or with any intent of action, must be made by representatives of the several Grand Commanderies forming the Grand Encampment, who will have the interest of both and the general welfare of the Order at heart, and unless some real question of power or jurisdiction arises, such discussion is a mere intellectual divertisement in which I must decline to indulge. I am, however, on the record as a strict constructionist. Education, association and habits of thought, will likely cause me to remain so.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight Sayre, the Grand Recorder. Colorado for 1885 receives kindly notice.

He refers to our position on the physical qualification question, but does not state any opinion of his own.

Sir Daniel Smith, Grand Commander; Sir Daniel Sayre, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1886.

Grand Commander Atkinson in his address says:

In the main this has been an uneventful year in this Templar Jurisdiction, but it affords me pleasure to report that our Order is prosperous, its membership growing and its increase coming from those who are a pledge of its continued prosperity.

In considering the Grand Encampment he uses language very similar to that in our report last year, and which we fully approve:

While this Supreme Body has evoked the adverse criticism of many able writers, I here deem it proper to reaffirm the loyalty of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the U. S. A., as set forth by my predecessors. Granting that its sins of omission and commission were many; that pageantry and show seemed to be the business of its session and legislation the incident, does not this prove our humanity? Should we abolish a Congress of the United States because its chosen members are sometimes recreant to the trust imposed in them, by wasting precious time, in leaving undone many of those things they should have done, and doing other things which they should not have done? Does not this prove a want of discernment on the part of those they represent? How inconsistent to complain of a body, of which we are an integral part, and whose policy it is our duty and our privilege to assist in shaping! Then let us lay aside the fratricidal strife, and, united, right our wrongs under the banner which I hold to be one of the most potent factors in uniting the people of this great Nation, by bringing together, in fraternal bonds, the unbiased intelligence and culture of every clime, seeking to unify and strengthen our Order. To this end, and in this connection I would suggest that we unite upon some plan by which this Grand Body will be amply represented at the ensuing Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. A., as in its collective wisdom it may deem best.

Sir John D. Adams, Grand Commander; Sir James A. Henry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1886.

Grand Commander Keyser in his address gives the condition of the Order as follows:

The Templar year, now so near its close, has been uneventful so far as our Order in this State is concerned. The several Commanderies within this Jurisdiction have been, as a rule, prosperous, increasing in membership and maintaining an unflagging interest in the success and influence of Templarism; and I am happy to be able to state that nothing has come to my knowledge to indicate any in-

terruption in the peace and harmony which have heretofore prevailed among the several Commanderies as such, and among the members composing them respectively.

An appropriation of five thousand dollars was made for defraying the expenses of the Grand Commandery in its pilgrimage to St. Louis.

Sir Thomas H. Caswell again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is very complete, occupying more than a hundred pages.

The proceedings of Colorado for 1885 are fully reviewed. On the question of the right of a Commandery under dispensation to receive members by affiliation, he thinks our Grand Commandery wrong in deciding against such right. The great weight of opinion seems to be against us on this question. He gives his opinion as follows :

The laws of the Grand Encampment clearly concede to Commanderies under dispensation the right to receive members by affiliation. In defining the powers of Commanderies under dispensation the statutes provide that Commanderies under dispensation have all the rights and privileges of chartered Commanderies, except, etc. Here the exceptions are specified, and the right to receive members by affiliation does not appear in the category of prohibited powers ; therefore, if Commanderies under dispensation have all the rights and powers of chartered Commanderies except those specifically enumerated, the right to affiliate members is assured to them. The Commanderies of California have always thus construed the law and have acted accordingly.

The following, under the head of Illinois, is new to us. It may, however, be a good law or practice, if not abused :

The usual long list of special dispensations appears, one of which was to re-ballot upon the petition of a rejected candidate. We cite this instance because it has been frequently asserted that this power, given to the Grand Commander of California by the statutes, is in conflict with the statutes of the Grand Encampment. Many a wrong has been righted by such dispensations, however, as in the case above mentioned, where a member who was present when the candidate was rejected, wrote to the Grand Commander, stating that on that occasion he had unintentionally cast a black ball.

In closing he refers to the lack of subjects for discussion :

The subjects for discussion are getting fearfully and wonderfully circumscribed. The question of the Trinity appears to have been

laid to rest—the opponents to that dogma, having found their position utterly untenable, have thrown up the sponge and retired from the conflict. A little squib upon the fuss and feathers, the parades and junketings of the Grand Encampment, and its disposition to do nothing else, now and then appears; but this subject is getting hackneyed, and were it not for those two good old twin sisters—non-affiliation and non-payment of dues—the reporters would have hard work to find a theme upon which to dilate.

Sir Reuben H. Lloyd, Grand Commander; Sir Thomas H. Caswell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA—1885.

The address of Grand Master Moore was read by the Deputy Grand Master. Sir Knight Moore was prevented by illness from being present. He discusses the Trinity question fully, and gives a great deal of historical information. With some of his conclusions we cannot agree. As usual, he demonstrates that he is right and we of the United States wrong:

I cannot too strongly impress upon you that *our* Templary, being essentially sectarian and dogmatic, its whole object and tendency is to promulgate the Christian faith in its orthodoxy, which does not admit of *any* argument, discussion or compromise—widely differing from that of the United States, where it has been totally changed since its first introduction from England in 1769.

When we consider the numbers composing, and the influence of, “the two systems,” we do not feel called upon to go into a discussion of their relative merits or demerits. In Canada there are eight hundred and fifty five Knights Templar; in the United States, more than sixty-nine thousand.

He further says:

I do not make these remarks (which can be proved by the records and arguments brought forward and inserted in their Foreign Correspondence Reports) from any wish to draw invidious comparisons, as I already stated in a former Allocution, nor for a moment doubting that the great majority of the Templars of the United States are actuated by the purest motives and feelings of Christianity, but from the necessity of explaining the difference so palpably existing between the two systems.

Sir Knight Moore's great bugbear is what he calls “the apparent growing desire to imitate many of the features of the American Templars.”

Some of his criticisms are well worth considering; yet, on the whole, we think a little American enterprise and imitation of "the features of the American Templars" will benefit our Canadian fraters.

Sir Knight Moore was re-elected Supreme Grand Master; Sir Knight Spry was re-elected Grand Chancellor.

CONNECTICUT—1886.

From the Grand Commander's address we infer that the Order is prospering. The Grand Commander says he has visited, within a year or two, all the Commanderies in the Jurisdiction. This is certainly very commendable, and encouraging to the Commanderies.

Sir Knight Roome, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was present and properly received.

A resolution was unanimously passed discountenancing parades and entertainments at the time and place of the Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, yet the following resolution was indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery discountenance the custom of providing banquets at Conclaves on the evening preceding the Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

It is not very consistent to say these things are right and proper for *us*, but not for *you*.

We regret the circumstances which prevented a Report on Correspondence, given by Sir Knight Wheeler, Grand Recorder, as follows:

We have been unable this year to prepare a Report on Correspondence, owing to a long and serious illness which has covered several months, and from which, at the time of printing these Proceedings, we have not entirely recovered, and which also accounts for the lateness of their issue.

Sir Fred. H. Waldron, Grand Commander; Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, re-elected Grand Recorder.

DAKOTA—1886.

The condition of the Order is reported by Grand Commander French as follows:

Harmony, the great strength of our Order, and without which no order can be truly successful, has been uninterruptedly with us; peace has been within our gates, and also upon our borders. So complete has this been that I have not been called upon to render a single decision during the term of my office.

Report is made by the Committee appointed to present a suitable testimonial to Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, that in connection with a like Committee from the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, they had presented to Sir Knight Parvin a gold watch—a very appropriate acknowledgment of the warm interest he had taken in all the Grand Bodies of Dakota. We know it was fully appreciated by Sir Knight Parvin.

Sir Daniel S. Glidden, Grand Commander; Sir Bruce M. Rowley, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA—1885.

The Grand Commander's address is devoted to a report of his official acts. During the year he visited all the Commanderies in the Jurisdiction.

A very interesting address or oration was made by Sir John S. Davidson.

Sir Roland B. Hall makes a very complete Report on Correspondence.

The proceedings of Colorado for 1885 are reviewed quite fully and fairly.

Sir Thomas Ballantyne re-elected Grand Commander; Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1885.

Sir Hugh McCurdy, representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was present, and made one of his characteristic speeches.

On the condition of the Order we take from the Grand Commander's address the following:

The amount of work done the past year by many Commanderies has been comparatively small. There is this to be

borne in mind, however, that a small number of valiant and true Knights created is much better for the true prosperity of our noble Order than a larger number possessing inferior qualifications; and the more rigid the scrutiny exercised at our outer doors the better for the Order. I think, however, that the increase in number for the past year has been as great as in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Among the many reports of committees we most heartily approve the following:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Commander's address—"on the relations existing between the Grand Encampment of the U. S. and the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania," beg to report that they have given the document as careful consideration as the time would permit; and they are unable to endorse or approve it. They present the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That the representatives of this Grand Commandery to the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the U. S., to be holden in the City of St. Louis, be, and they are hereby instructed, faithfully to attend every session of the said Conclave, to the exclusion of all other engagements, and earnestly labor to dispatch the proper business that may come before them, to the end that the Grand Encampment, whose reputation is dear to us, and to which we are bound by solemn vows, may not suffer through their neglect.

Resolved, That all members of the Grand Encampment, holding such membership by virtue of rank attained in this Grand Commandery, be courteously requested to personally attend the next Triennial Conclave, and co-operate with our representatives in the dispatch of business.

As we said last year, if each Grand Commandery will instruct its representatives what it wants done, and not done, and then see that they act accordingly, there will be little cause for complaint against the Grand Encampment.

E. Sir Eugene B. Myers, from the special Committee on Ritual, presented a full report on uniform, down to width of binding and height of collar. It was acted on as follows:

Resolved, That the "Uniform" as reported by the Committee on Ritual be adopted, as the construction placed on it by this Grand Commandery, to go into effect December 1, 1886, provided the Grand Encampment at its next Conclave does not amend, explain or annul the present statute on Uniform.

The full and complete Report on Correspondence is partly made by that most accomplished of reporters, Sir Theodore T. Gurney.

We are sorry to note the following :

To the Sir Knights of our Jurisdiction, and to cotemporaries, we bid an affectionate adieu in this department of our fraternal labors.

The remainder is by Sir Henry C. Ranney.

A large part of Grand Commander Woodbury's address is quoted and favorably commented on in reviewing the proceedings of Colorado for 1884.

Sir John L. White, Grand Commander; Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1886.

From the address of Grand Commander Adams we take the following :

We as Templars have much reason to congratulate ourselves upon the condition of our beloved Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. December 27, 1854, the first "Communication" or Conclave was held, four Commanderies comprising the number of Subordinates, whose total membership was one hundred and forty-eight. At the close of the year 1885, we had thirty-one Commanderies, with a membership of two thousand five hundred and fifteen.

Under the head of decisions we find one which raises a new question to us. We think the decision right. It shows the wisdom of a regulation of our Grand Commandery requiring every petitioner for a dispensation for a new Commandery to have a certificate from the Recorder of his Commandery showing that his dues are all paid. The decision is as follows:

The membership of a petitioner for a dispensation for a new Commandery being in abeyance in his old Commandery, he is not liable thereto for dues during the existence of the dispensation, but is by law subject to assessment for dues in the Commandery under dispensation. Section 2, Article XXVII., Code of Statutes, Grand Encampment. His membership in his old Commandery terminates when the Commandery under dispensation is constituted under charter and due notice has been given by the Recorder thereof. Section 4, Article XXVII., Code of Statutes, Grand Encampment. The membership of a petitioner for dispensation being in abeyance, he can not apply to his old Commandery for a dimit without first severing his connection with the Commandery under dispensation, by consent of the officer granting the dispensation, and consent of the Commandery under dispensation; membership thereupon revives in his old Commandery. See Section 20, Supplement to Code of Statutes.

He recommends limiting the commissions of Grand Representatives to three years. Afterward such commissions were made to expire with the next ensuing Triennial—a good rule we think.

The appeal of Muncie Commandery to the Grand Encampment is fully reported. The Grand Commander, properly, we think, held that an appeal does not lie from the action of a Grand Commandery in granting a charter. The Committee on Jurisprudence approve the decision.

Sir H. R. Ruckle makes the Report on Correspondence. It is written in his usual full and careful style.

Our proceedings for 1885 are fully reviewed. Of our report he makes the following mention :

The report made by Right Eminent Sir Harper M. Orahood is as usual succinct, though not so brief as in previous years, filling thirty-five pages, and thereby losing his title of the "Champion Condenser." While he expresses opinions frankly, they are not extractible as a rule.

Sir Ephraim W. Patrick, Grand Commander; Sir John M. Bramwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA—1885.

We take from Grand Commander Morton's address the following favorable report :

I am pleased to be able to report that during the past year the administration of the affairs of the jurisdiction has been accomplished with very little occasion for my official interference. The order has been fairly but not unduly prosperous, and if the accessions to our ranks have not been as great as in some former years, we may indulge the hope that we have gained in quality all that we fall short in quantity. Peace and good-will prevail generally among our subordinates, and our relations with sister Grand Jurisdictions continue of the most amicable character.

The committee appointed the year previous to locate permanent camp grounds reported the acceptance of grounds at Spirit Lake, which they named "Templar Park." The next Annual Conclave is to be held at these grounds. As we said last year, this idea seems to us a good one.

An assessment of fifty cents for each member was levied on the Subordinate Commanderies, "to relieve the

Grand Commandery from its present embarrassment." A pretty heavy tax, we think, in addition to regular dues. Possibly the cost of printing a Report on Correspondence of a hundred and thirty-five pages may have added to the embarrassment.

Some amendments were made to the Constitution, but without having the Constitution itself they are unintelligible.

The Report on Correspondence is again made by Sir Edward A. Guilbert. In reviewing Alabama, he takes occasion to express himself very strongly in favor of a *strict* construction on the physical qualification question; from which we now, as in the past, most emphatically dissent.

Our proceedings for 1884 are fully reviewed. In reviewing Grand Commander Woodbury's address, he calls him "our Western enthusiast." We who know him best would not so call him.

He is not yet up to the point of approving the style of our report. Its brevity troubles him; but he is not so hostile as last year, and we may yet have his approval. If not, we must exist without it.

We are sorry to notice that he intends to retire with this report.

Sir William A. McGrew, Grand Commander; Sir John C. Parish, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1886.

Grand Commander Langdon reports:

The year just past has been an uneventful one to the Order in this Jurisdiction. The several Commanderies, with one or two exceptions, have had a healthy growth, and quality rather than numbers seems to have been, more than ever before, the motto of all.

A resolution to adopt Grant's Tactics, instead of Myers's, was lost by a tie vote. A committee was then appointed on this subject, to report at the next Annual Conclave.

The Report on Correspondence, by the Grand Recorder, is full and complete. Colorado for 1885 is courteously reviewed.

Sir Henry C. Cook, Grand Commander; Sir John H. Brown, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1886.

The usual grand parade took place; the drill corps of De Molay Commandery participating.

An eloquent address of welcome was delivered by Sir Knight Moss, of Paducah. There was a prize drill at the base ball grounds, and a reception at the opera house. The newly-elected Grand Officers were publicly installed at the opera house, as a part of the reception.

Grand Commander Flournoy, in his address, says:

It affords me great pleasure to be able to congratulate you upon the continued prosperity of the Order under your jurisdiction; from the East, the West, the North and the South, the most gratifying intelligence has been received in relation to the increase of the Order, the high estimation in which it is held by our fellow-citizens, the great benefit it has conferred on the members of the Order, and the good it has done and is still doing to all mankind.

And we find the following truism:

A Masonic address in Kentucky, which did not contain a reference to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, would necessarily be incomplete.

Among other things regarding it, he says:

We may well be proud of this our Home. The Proceedings of every Masonic Grand Body contain a reference to it; the pages of every Masonic Journal tell over and over again the story of its usefulness.

Under the head of decisions we find the almost universal report:

Like every other Grand Commander, I have had many and various questions of Templar Jurisprudence asked of me during the past year. I have endeavored to answer to the best of my ability. I do not now recall a single question asked that the Sir Knight could not have answered himself by simple reference to the Code and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States and of this Grand Commandery.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Charles R. Woodruff. It is, as usual, full and complete: one of the best of the year. He explains his style of reporting as follows:

We have endeavored to make a careful presentation of all subjects of interest contained in the Proceedings, and have generally preferred to quote the exact language used rather than make a synopsis of it, or to clothe the ideas of others in language of our own, as our readers can thus be better enabled to see the facts as they exist, and make their own deductions.

Colorado Proceedings for 1885 are quite fully and fairly reviewed.

Sir John S. Lyle, Grand Commander; Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger, re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1886.

Grand Commander Abbott, in his address, which is short, tells us that little work was done, but "health and moderate prosperity prevail throughout our Jurisdiction."

No decisions were called for.

The Committee on Correspondence make a report, devoted entirely to the relations between Louisiana and Maryland. Quotations are made from all the Reports on Correspondence which have discussed or mentioned this unfortunate affair. Sir Adreon's last report, made just before his death, is given in full. The Committee then add :

Here, indeed, do we recognize the magnanimous and chivalric Templar, and, while gladly accepting the apology so nobly rendered, we mourn and deplore that we were unable to respond before the spirit of our brave frater had ascended to his reward. We have no doubt that every member of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana will feel as we do about this matter, and that we should not hesitate to at once repeal our resolution of non-intercourse with our Companion Sir Knights of Maryland, and we append motions to that effect and recommend their adoption.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted. We are heartily glad it is settled.

Sir A. H. De Pass, Grand Commander; Sir Richard Lambert, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1885.

The condition of the Order is given by Grand Commander Bangs as follows :

Our Order has made no gain in membership the past year; indeed, the returns show a slight loss. There is no thought of regret or discouragement in this. It is an indication of caution as well as of the very general paralysis of business. Our Order, in one sense, is a luxury which the prudent will forego when economy becomes a necessity. There is little necessity, therefore, for us to hoist the danger signal so long as we are true to our vows, so long as we make honor, probity and moral character a test of fitness for membership.

The following contains a suggestion worth considering :

I would again suggest a change in our regulations to conform to the original plan, giving exclusive jurisdiction in places where Commanderies are located, and concurrent jurisdiction over all other places where no Commandery is stationed. The laws of trade practically govern candidacy and membership, and no Companion ought to be compelled to go among strangers to secure the Orders or go without.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Stephen Berry. It is prepared in his usual careful style. His tables of statistics are very full and complete. We publish them in our report. Colorado receives kindly notice.

Sir John O. Shaw, Grand Commander ; Sir Ira Berry re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1885.

The Grand Commander makes a very full report of his doings, in his address. We quote :

It is not at all humiliating to know that the Order has not been as prosperous during the year just closing as it has been in former years, which no doubt is largely attributable to the stringency in commercial, mercantile and manufacturing industries, which has prevailed the world over, while it is exhilarating and encouraging to know that the increase, though weak in numbers, is strong in the development of nobility, magnanimity and manhood, so that the lesser is the greater good. Numerical weakness often develops moral strength.

He recommends the formation of "Drill Corps" in each Commandery. This is all right, only the corps should include, if possible, every member.

Under this head we find the following very precise definition and distinction :

It is hardly necessary, when talking to the members of the Order who compose the Grand Commandery of Maryland, to call their attention to the fact that Templarism is a semi-military organization and requires systematic study and practice to enable them to perform correctly the military work of opening a Commandery for the dispatch of business, as it should be done in well-regulated bodies. "Tactics" is the science of disposing military forces. "Drill" is the art of military training, by which alone proficiency can be attained. The combination of Tactics and Drill is the perfection of correct evolution.

We find, not a Report on Correspondence, as it is called, by Sir Knight Adreon, but really his resignation as Chairman of the Committee, and an apology to the Jurisdiction of Louisiana. In connection with this we read the glowing tribute to the memory of Sir Knight Adreon by Sir Knight Gorgas. He passed away between the Conclave and the publication of the proceedings. The words used and the trouble caused thereby were commented on by us last year and the year before.

We give nearly the whole of Sir Knight Adreon's Communication:

Since our last assembly I have been failing in health, until at last I am forced to place in your hands my resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. I loved the work; I loved the splendid corps of gentlemen who, as the spokesmen of their several jurisdictions, composed the well-known Board of Mutuals. The reading of their reports was to me an intellectual feast that never tired me. As I write, the peculiarities of style, the eloquence of thought, the purity of sentiment and diction, the broad catholicity of spirit, the kindly tone, the warm grasp of the invisible hand, the ringing, hearty laugh and cheering words of that band of true gentlemen and brothers, each and all, one after one, in due order, pass like the forms on Banquo's mystic glass. In bidding them farewell,

"A feeling of sadness comes o'er me
That is not akin to pain,
And resembles sorrow only
As the mist resembles rain."

With the exception of the unfortunate misunderstanding with the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, I leave you with Maryland in Knightly accord and fraternal correspondence with every Grand Jurisdiction in this country and elsewhere; and permit me here, for the first and last time, to say a word in regard to our relations with Louisiana. Since writing the words that gave so much offence to our Louisiana fraters I have never until now spoken or been asked to speak upon the subject. The first communication from them was to Sir Knight Schultz, their representative. He promptly and ably represented the case in the Grand Commandery of Maryland, who at once passed a resolution disclaiming any intention to affront. This was not considered satisfactory, and a resolution was passed by them severing all intercourse between the two jurisdictions. All

this could have been avoided by their simply calling my attention to the offensive criticism. It would have been at once recalled, and an assurance given that it did not represent the sentiments of the writer or the Grand Jurisdiction he represented. But, as I have said above, no request to say one word was made by my Grand Commandery, and certainly none was asked of me by Louisiana.

Fraters of Maryland and Louisiana, I do not wish that this should be so. Unsolicited by my Commandery, unasked by the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, I stand between the two Jurisdictions and recall the words that gave offence. I intended to affront or wound no Sir Knight of Louisiana; hastily, crudely, the words were thrown together and went forth on their mission of discord and wrath. A word once uttered can never be recalled—but it can be regretted; it can be apologized for. I here do both, and trust that in the future Maryland and Louisiana, forgetting the past, may press forward side by side in advancing the banners of the Temple to still higher and more exalted places, until at last, having put all things under her with intelligence, culture and education for her handmaidens, with bigotry, superstition and intolerance writhing in mortal wounds at her feet, they may side by side, in that great Armagedon of the future, lift their blood-stained swords and salute the banner of the Temple, flashing and glowing in the sunlight of victory. With these hopes for the future, and believing it to be the grand culmination of all for which the Order of the Temple was instituted, I bid you as your correspondent, dear fraters of Maryland, a “heart-warm, fond adieu.”

Noble words from a dying man.

Sir C. C. Isaacs, Grand Commander; Sir Charles T. Sisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASS. AND RHODE ISLAND—1885.

The Semi-Annual Conclave was held May 27.

The Grand Commander reports:

Peace and harmony prevail in our several subordinates, and the true spirit of our Order is manifest throughout our Jurisdiction. Our affairs have moved along so smoothly, the months have been so uneventful, and the duties of this office have been so much in the regular course of business, since our Annual Conclave, that I have but little to report which will require your action.

The short ceremony of the Order of Malta, “with slight modifications,” was adopted.

The Annual Conclave was held October 28.

We notice the curious fact that there were present ninety-five “members being Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.” These alone would make a pretty good-sized Grand Commandery in this country.

The Grand Commander's address contains a full report of his official acts, chiefly of local interest.

His recommendations regarding the Grand Encampment have a wider significance. We notice them elsewhere.

The Grand Recorder again makes the Report on Correspondence. From his opening we take the following:

The Reports on Foreign Correspondence made to the several Grand Commanderies vary in length, but in other respects they are modeled after a common plan, the principal feature of which is a review of the proceedings of each Grand Commandery, for the most part in alphabetical order, wherein the reviewer passes judgment upon them in such manner as seems to him proper. Your Committee is sensible of the fact that this Grand Body authorized the appointment of a Committee on Correspondence with limitations, and without the intention of encouraging the Committee to make such lengthy reports as are acceptable, indeed it may almost be said expected, in other jurisdictions. The report of 1884 has received enough of favorable notice to be flattering to your Committee, but coupled with the wish that it had been longer. The reason for its brevity, herein given, will, it is hoped, prevail with correspondents to believe that internal economy, and not indifference, dictates that this report must also be kept within bounds corresponding to those of its only and immediate predecessor.

And from his closing, as follows, which we fully appreciate:

The plan of reviewing the doings of the Grand Commanderies separately is easier for the reviewer but more voluminous, and we may add, to our thinking, more instructive also. Such a report can not be judiciously made in less than twenty-five of our printed pages, and would be better if allowed to extend to fifty, according to the importance of matter in review. In any case, much labor is involved, as you can readily understand from the fact that your Reporter has looked over pamphlets aggregating over 4,800 pages in preparing this report. The fullest Report on Correspondence makes 188 pages, and from that down to forty-five pages.

Colorado for 1884 receives a full share of the limited space.

Sir George H. Burnham, Grand Commander; Sir Alfred H. Chapman, re elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1886.

After the Grand Commandery was opened, Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encamp-

ment, was received with proper honors. He responded with an eloquent speech.

We are sorry to notice that the Grand Recorder was taken seriously ill during the proceedings.

We took occasion last year earnestly to protest against the practice of any Grand Commandery granting a Dispensation for a new Commandery, or granting a Charter for a Commandery which had not previously worked under Dispensation, conferred the orders, made proper report, and the Charter recommended by a proper committee.

We then said such practice would almost inevitably lead to trouble and discord. Such was the result in this case. It gave the Grand Commander and at least two Subordinate Commanderies trouble during the year; it received attention from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; it elicited a report from a special Committee at this Conclave, occupying more than twenty closely-printed pages; it called out speeches and discussion, and we cannot help believing it engendered bitter feelings that will not soon be allayed.

In the language of our report last year :

In our opinion a result naturally to be expected from such a proceeding.

Rev. and Sir Francis A. Blades presented a report which was adopted, embodying a ritual and form of service to be used at the church or asylum at Ascension Day services. It is very full and complete and, if properly carried out, very impressive. It is the best we have seen.

Grand Recorder Innes again makes a very full and complete Report on Correspondence.

Colorado for 1885 is fully reviewed. He quotes without comment what we said last year about the Grand Commandery granting charters, without first requiring work under dispensation.

Sir William S. Lawrence, Grand Commander; Sir William P. Innes, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1885.

The condition of the Order is given by Grand Commander Shuey in his address as follows:

While nothing of vital importance to our Order has occurred during the year now closing, it is gratifying to know that prosperity has crowned our undertakings, and that in peace, harmony and knightly affection we are steadily moving onward and upward toward that high standard of Christian knighthood, to attain which should be the aspiration of every true and courteous Sir Knight.

The Grand Commander is in favor of proficiency in drill:

I believe that next in importance to thorough and intelligent work in the ritual of our Order is the drill, which experience teaches is one of the most potent factors in keeping alive interest and stimulating members to activity in all directions. The most active Commanderies throughout this country to-day are those which pay most attention to drill; and I am convinced that, as a rule, they excel in Asylum work.

Which we think is entirely true.

He recommends the adoption of Grant's Tactics. The committee on the address approved the recommendation, and they were adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is from the able pen of Grand Recorder Pierson. Although it does not cover as many pages as some other reports, few contain as much information.

Our proceedings for 1884 are fully and fairly reviewed.

Sir W. D. Cornish, Grand Commander; Sir A. T. C. Pierson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI—1885.

The proceedings commenced by the Grand Commandery "proceeding to the Methodist Church, where the Offices of Devotion were observed in a solemn and impressive manner.

The Grand Commander recommended that the commissions of Grand Representatives expire with the succeeding Triennial Conclave. The committee on the address offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the commissions of all Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies, shall expire with the date of the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States in 1886, and that thereafter all similar commissions shall expire with the date of the succeeding Triennial Conclave.

The Report on Correspondence by Sir Knight Erwin is carefully prepared and is an able paper. He reviews our proceedings for 1884. He quotes several paragraphs from our report with approval.

In closing he refers to some other reporters from whom he differed in opinion on some questions, and sensibly says:

Still, when we felt impelled to differ, we have done so, but always endeavoring to let our words be temperate and without sting.

We are glad to hear that Sir Knight DeLap has recovered and again assumed his duties.

Sir John H. Gordon, Grand Commander; Sir J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI—1886.

This year the Offices of Devotion were conducted by the acting Grand Prelate, in the asylum.

From Grand Commander Gordon's address we take the following:

By correspondence with the several Eminent Commanders of the State, I learn with sorrow that Templarism has not materially advanced in the past eight months as was hoped. But hope is a beacon-star that beckons us on.

The Grand Commander reports that certain Companions had received the Orders in Memphis, Tenn., the Eminent Commander of the Commandery where they lived having waived, or attempted to do so, the right of jurisdiction. This waiver the Grand Commander considered irregular, we should say void.

But seeing that no good could come of the matter by further correspondence, and being satisfied that no slight was intended, I let the matter drop.

The Committee on the Grand Commander's address made a report, which was adopted, as follows:

There is reason to believe that the Companions who sought to secure the orders in Memphis regarded the appointments and furnishings of our poorly provided Commanderies as ill-suited to their more aristocratic pretensions, and we therefore recommend that they be left where they have placed themselves, in the position of irregularly made Knights, and as such that the entrance to all our asylums be barred against them.

The Grand Commandery of Tennessee acted very temperately, asking a full hearing before action by the Grand Commandery of Tennessee. So the matter stands, rather unsatisfactorily, we think, to the Sir Knights concerned.

Sir Knight De Lap, having resumed the Chairmanship of the Committee, makes the Report on Correspondence. We think from the tone of the report that he has recovered, notwithstanding the following in his opening:

I am still suffering from chronic dyspepsia, to which must be attributed any ebullitions of temper that may crop out. I beg, however, to assure my California friend that my remarks in response to New Jersey's unwarranted and asinine criticisms of our style last year was not in any degree the result of dyspepsia or any other disease.

He notices the absence of Mississippi from our last report. We did not then have the proceedings; they have since been received, hence our present review of two years.

Of our condition he says:

They take some interest in Templary out there, as is evidenced by the phenomenal growth of the Order and the present financial condition of this Grand Commandery—the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$3,582 00.

From his closing we quote with approval:

The question as to the propriety of cutting loose from Masonry is being agitated to some extent. It seems to us that a modicum of the stability and respectability of the Institution results from its connection with that most ancient and honorable of all human societies. Take away the halo thrown around Templary by its connection with Masonry and it would soon drop to the level of those other orders of knighthood, of which the woods are full.

Sir B. A. Vaughan, Grand Commander; Sir J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1886.

Grand Commander Rogers, in his address, says :

I congratulate you upon the unusual prosperity that has attended our Order in Missouri during the past year. Peace and harmony, without a solitary note of discord, prevail throughout our Jurisdiction.

Regarding the Twenty-third Triennial, he says :

As you are well aware, the Twenty-third Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America will be held in this city in September of this year. There will on that occasion be thousands of Knight Templars in attendance. I have no doubt that the Templars of Missouri will maintain their justly-earned reputation for knightly courtesy and hospitality.

He was not disappointed. The Templars of Missouri fully maintained their reputation on the occasion referred to.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight Mayo. It is short, he says, for the reason that funds to pay for printing were short; the reason assigned being the heavy expenses attending the Triennial.

Colorado for 1884 is fully reviewed, and receives kindly notice.

Sir Joseph S. Browne, Grand Commander; Sir Wm. H. Mayo, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—1885.

From Grand Commander Sewell's address we take the following :

By referring to the table of returns you will see that our numbers have been materially increased. Let us hope and trust that the material thus received into our Asylum will be such as will add luster and honor to our noble Order. Grateful as we are for these blessings, we are still more thankful that peace and harmony prevail throughout our Jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander's address shows a great deal of work done by him during the year.

Among his recommendations we note with approval the following :

During the year I have answered a great many questions verbally and by letter, which information could have been gained by a reference to the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States; I therefore recommend that the Code of Statutes be printed with the Proceedings for 1885, if the finances of the Grand Commandery will permit.

As the Code does not appear, we presume finances were short. This may also account for the non-appearance of the Report on Correspondence. We find the following:

I have examined, with some care, the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and find it a very able and well-written document. It will compare favorably with the best and most brilliant "Reviews" in this field of literature. In my judgment, on account of the labor and time devoted to its preparation, something more tangible than the thanks of this Grand Commandery should be extended to E. Sir John J. Monell, Jr., for this report. It is alike creditable to himself as well as to this Grand Body.

Sir Knight Monell, however, in a letter to the Grand Commandery, says he met with an accident which prevented him from finishing the report.

Sir Allen B. Smith, Grand Commander; Sir William R. Bowen, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1885.

Grand Commander Webster reports:

Our Order has continued in prosperity and perfect harmony. Not one word of discord has come from any Commandery in our jurisdiction. With such prosperity and harmony the strength of our Order has increased.

Regarding visitations he says:

To the officers of the Grand Commandery the visitations during the past year have been most enjoyable, and they have truly been very satisfactory. The orders have been conferred in a very careful manner and with a praiseworthy desire to be governed by the ritual of the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Bell again makes the Report on Correspondence. It is quite full, and he is very fair in his criticisms.

Colorado for 1884 is fully reviewed. Of our views on the Trinitarian question, he says:

They seem to have a familiar resemblance to those of the Maine philanthropist, who was in favor of the prohibitory law, but opposed to its enforcement. Perhaps if we were all of us to examine our own notions with sufficient care we should find in each case a very similar judgment with regard to some questions of doubt or difficulty.

No ; we may believe the doctrine, but are opposed to insisting that others shall believe it, whether or no.

Sir Don Herman Woodward, Grand Commander ; Sir George P. Cleaves, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1885.

The Grand Commander seems to have had an easy time from the following, taken from his address :

I have not received a complaint of any kind, nor have I been asked for an official decision during the past year. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction. Some of the Commanderies have not received many accessions to their numbers. Good and sufficient reasons therefor are discovered in the continued business depression of their several localities. Other Commanderies, more highly favored, have had their fair share of increase.

The sensible recommendation contained in the following was adopted :

I have felt that this custom of asking permission to pass from one jurisdiction to another has become ridiculously absurd, is a tax upon the time and patience of those in official position, and has nothing to recommend its continuance, and I suggest that the Grand Commandery of New Jersey adopt a resolution abolishing the necessity of asking or granting permissions of this character, and extending a cordial invitation to any body of Knights Templar to visit this jurisdiction whenever and as often as they feel disposed to do so.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Grand Recorder Bechtel. He quotes largely from Grand Commander Woodbury's address.

Sir John H. Ackerman, Grand Commander ; Sir Charles Bechtel, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1885.

Grand Commander Crosby was seriously ill and unable to be present. His address was read by the Deputy Grand Commander. We make the following quotation :

Templarism was never in a more prosperous condition within our Jurisdiction, and our greatest danger now lies in an *over-zeal* to popularize the Order.

Grand Recorder McCoy in his report gives a history or "Summary of the important events that have occurred" in this Grand Commandery during the past ten years. It should be particularly interesting and valuable to New York Templars.

The Grand Commander, Grand Recorder and a number of prominent members of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania were visitors.

The Committee on Grievance say they "have made diligent inquiry for any business that might be brought or referred to them." We think this committee should be content to *wait* for business and not hunt for it, remembering

"They serve who only stand and wait."

Fortunately, however, they found nothing, and say in their report:

Peace, harmony and prosperity prevail.

This committee reported the same happy state of affairs last year.

Sir John W. Simons makes the Report (his thirty-third) on Correspondence.

The proceedings of Colorado for 1884 are fully and fairly reviewed.

Sir Peter Forrester, Grand Commander; Sir Robert Macoy, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1885.

The Grand Commander, in his address, reports:

Every human agency is more or less paroxysmal. Masonry, like the waves of the ocean, ebbs and flows. Knight Templarism in this Jurisdiction, for the last Masonic year, has been at ebbtide. The Report of the Eminent Grand Recorder shows but few accessions to our ranks.

The address is devoted principally to an interesting history of Masonry in general.

As an addenda we find the following:

In the evening, the banquet at the Eagle Hotel was a "Grand" affair. The supper, the wine, the toasts and the responses were all good, and the presence of the ladies added very greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. Every one was loud in praise of the hospitality of the Sir Knights of Cyrene Commandery No. 5.

Sir Knight Southgate again makes the Report on Correspondence. We quote from his opening:

We thought our report in 1883, which was our first, would be our last; but by a kind Providence we have been permitted once more to enjoy our wonted health, and, having been assigned the onerous but pleasant duty of Reporter, we have endeavored to perform the work to the best of our ability, as time could be taken from pressing business engagements.

And from his closing:

We had promised ourselves much pleasure from the perusal of the Proceedings this year, and we have not been disappointed. We are glad to note general prosperity in all the borders of Templarism.

Our proceedings for 1884 are reviewed.

Sir Donald W. Bain, Grand Commander; Sir James C. Munds, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1885.

As a prelude, we find an account of a grand parade—that was to be; but—

A steady rain set in at noon, and continued up to the hour for marching. After a general consultation, it was decided by those in authority to abandon the grand parade, greatly to the disappointment of thousands of spectators, who lingered on the streets hoping that the rain would cease and the parade might take place.

To make up for this:

In the evening there was tendered by the hospitable Knights of Cleveland, in the spacious and elegantly-decorated Woodland Avenue Rink, one of the finest receptions yet given in honor of the Templars of Ohio, and the occasion was enjoyed by Knights, citizens and ladies, numbering over five thousand participants.

Yet some will find fault with the social feature of the Triennials.

Of the condition of the Order the Grand Commander in his address says:

While the increase in membership is not so large as it has been in former years, the result is by no means discouraging when we review the past year with all of its financial failures and general depression in every avenue of trade.

The "Cernean Supreme Council," the "Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite," are referred to by the Grand Commander in his address, but in such a way as not to be intelligible without the aid of further explanation. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence on the question does not throw much if any light on the subject. The report "was received and ordered printed in the proceedings for future action." We do not find that any further action was taken, except to reject an amendment afterwards offered, and to reject a resolution which would repeal a resolution passed in 1883, recognizing the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of A. A. Scottish Rite as the only regular bodies in the United States.

The questions involved have caused some very bitter feeling, and we will not attempt to explain them or give an opinion, further than to say such quarrels are very unfortunate and usually the blame is not wholly on one side. We, however, concur in one part of the report of the Committee:

We would especially refer to and utter a word of warning against the danger which now threatens American Masonry in all its branches, high or low, the danger of encouraging, or tolerating, or recognizing in any way the establishing of a *second* governing body in any territory already occupied by a regular Masonic body. Believing that the only safety for our American Masonry, high grade or low grade, is in our firm adherence to and support of that old "Masonic legend," "There can be but one regular Grand Lodge in any State or Territory of these United States," and that this ancient Masonic legend is equally applicable to and necessary to every other branch of Masonry.

Sir Knight Carson in his Report on Correspondence devotes several pages to the question. It is in his usual style and not at all adapted to quieting the troubled waters.

He kindly reviews our proceedings for 1884.

Sir Charles E. Stanley, Grand Commander; Sir James Nesbit, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1885.

The proceedings commenced with a grand parade and review, in the style of the usual Triennial.

There was an address of welcome by the Mayor and response by the Grand Commander. In addition to this the officers were publicly installed.

We quote from the Grand Commander's address:

Our triumphant advance, our sound condition, the increase of our ranks, our good name—these and such kindred pleasant themes form the burden of our detailed report.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Wm. J. Kelly. The report is made in thirty pages, yet he does just what he promises in his opening:

I shall write and report upon what has been handed me, with no thought above a plain, honest and, as I hope, fair and courteous review.

In regard to some of the reports he says with much truth:

I have endeavored to read the reports of all the above mentioned States carefully, in order to cull the wisdom contained therein for the instruction and edification of our fraters, but am much disappointed to find a simple repetition of the reports of a couple of years back, without a new subject being broached or a new thought born.

On the action taken regarding the Grand Encampment we will comment elsewhere.

Sir John Alexander, Jr., Grand Commander; Sir Charles E. Meyer, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1886.

From the Grand Commander's address we quote:

I have great pleasure in reporting to you that commendable Knightly harmony and discipline prevail among the officers and Knights of the various constituent Commanderies throughout the State, and although the general financial depression and stagnation in business may have been unfavorable to our more rapid growth, still we have substantially increased.

From the Appendix we learn that there was a public parade, and divine service at the First Baptist Church;

the sermon by the Grand Prelate is published in full. There was a "Grand Conclave of Sorrow," and a banquet and grand ball.

The Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight Foster, Grand Recorder. Our proceedings for 1885 are fairly and quite fully reviewed.

Sir Henry Clay Hensley, Grand Commander; Sir Wilbur F. Foster, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS—1886.

There was an address of welcome by the Mayor, eloquently responded to by the Grand Prelate.

From the Grand Commander's address we quote:

I am pleased to be able to report that during the past year the administration of the affairs of this Jurisdiction has been accomplished with no occasion for my interference. No conflicts have arisen between Subordinate Commanderies, nor in any of them, and our relations to our sister Grand Commanderies continue as heretofore, with unbroken Knightly courtesy.

A short Report on Correspondence is made by Sir Knight McCoy. Our Proceedings for 1885 are reviewed, and receive kindly notice.

We may be allowed to remark that concise reports are coming into favor. From his closing we take the following:

In this report, we have made no attempt at display in the way of being either profound in Masonic lore or exceedingly sharp in criticism, but have confined ourselves to the task of giving a very brief resume of the condition of the Order, as shown by the printed Proceedings of the various Grand Bodies, which have been received by us within the last year.

Sir T. M. Lubbock, Grand Commander; Sir Robert Brewster, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1886.

Acting Grand Master Roome was present, and was received and welcomed in an appropriate manner.

From Grand Commander Chapman's address we quote:

A year uneventful perhaps in this Jurisdiction, and marked by little that is out of the commonplace run of general business; yet our records show that it has been a year of prosperity in the Order, and that peace and harmony have prevailed in all the Commanderies.

And the Grand Recorder says:

It is exceedingly gratifying to be able to announce that notwithstanding the long and depressing influences upon every kind of business our ranks are constantly increasing, and I have to report that an unusually large number have been added to the rolls of the Commanderies since the last report.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Knight Fisher, and is in his usual able and interesting style.

Our Proceedings for 1885 are fully reviewed. He approves our views on the Grand Encampment, and in his closing gives some sensible advice, which we here quote, although we desire to consider this question separately:

This one word of advice we do give, and that is, Let each Jurisdiction require that its Representatives pay attention to the business of the Triennial Conclave, whoever else parades, eats and dances. Certainly this might be required of those delegates whose expenses Grand Commanderies assume. Also, let the members of the Grand Encampment, permanent and otherwise, attend to business or else afterwards hold their tongues. The complaints of the past three years have come in a large measure from those who made it their business at San Francisco to be anywhere rather than in the Grand Asylum. Work is the best cure of discontent and complaints.

Sir George W. Wing, Grand Commander; Sir Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1885.

In the following quotation it will be seen that the Grand Commander opposes some of the laws of the Grand Encampment; rightfully, too, we think:

I am convinced that the growth of our Commanderies is very seriously retarded by the operation of the law of the Grand Encampment which declares: "That it is not necessary that a petitioner for the orders of Knighthood be a member of either Lodge or Chapter." See Section 2 of Article XXXII., Code of Statutes, Grand Encampment. Section 18 of the same Code, declaring that the prescribed fees of a Commandery cannot be remitted, directly or indi-

rectly, also operates against many of our Commanderies, which, by their location, are compelled to draw their material from remote sections of their lawful jurisdictions, and petitioners must travel by long and expensive routes to receive the orders. It seems to me that such Commanderies should be allowed to regulate this matter as is most for their interest to do, providing, of course, that they do not confer the orders for a less sum than the minimum amount prescribed by the constitution. Returning to the subject of non-affiliation in Lodge and Chapter. It needs no argument to prove a self-evident fact. The life and success of the Commandery depends upon the life and activity of the Lodge and Chapter from which its life blood comes. That the prosperity of our Chapters has been seriously and disastrously affected by the operation of the "law" above quoted, I have no doubt.

The committee on the address strongly approved this view, and a committee was appointed to urge its adoption by the Grand Encampment.

A Committee on Correspondence was appointed. Sir Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder, is chairman, so we may expect a report next year.

Sir Francis A. Reed, re-elected Grand Commander;
Sir Wm. B. Isaacs, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1885.

Grand Commander Benzenberg states the condition of the Order as follows:

The general condition of the Order in this State is very satisfactory; peace, harmony and prosperity prevailing almost universally. Increased interest in the welfare and in the objects of our institution has manifested itself everywhere.

Under the head of Grand Encampment, among other sensible suggestions, we find the following, which has our approval and expresses our views, substantially as we stated last year in reviewing Vermont:

If the Grand Commanderies would criticise the action, or rather non-action of their representatives, they would be more consistent, and perhaps more particular in seeing who their officers should be in the Triennial year. There is a great deal written about the uselessness of the Grand Encampment. Who is responsible for its uselessness but its members, and who are its members?

A Committee on Triennial Conclave was appointed and one thousand dollars appropriated to be expended in providing suitable headquarters and Knightly hospitality at the ensuing Triennial.

Sir William C. Swain makes a full and complete Report on Correspondence. Colorado, 1884, receives kindly notice.

We take from his conclusion the following :

The Trinity question has fallen entirely into the background, and the great bugbears are the *uselessness* of the Grand Encampment, and tactics and drill; and these questions will continue at the front, the former as long as it continues in existence,—which we trust, in a modified form, will be forever—and the latter as long as we have on one hand men who have passed the sugar plum period, and desire the solid good of the Order; and, on the other, the neophytes who are fond of the display, and who will appear on the other side later in life. But underneath it all, charity and hospitality will prevail, and we will agree to disagree,—and there will be no serious quarrel.

Sir Geo. H. Benzenberg, re-elected Grand Commander; Sir John W. Laffin, re-elected Grand Recorder.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Last year, in reviewing Pennsylvania for 1884, we said:

The Grand Encampment receives notice, not entirely complimentary, and a committee of five was appointed to take into consideration the relations between this Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment of the United States, said committee to report at the next Annual Conclave.

We hope the report and action thereon will be as judicious and sensible as the action of the Grand Commandery of New York on the same subject.

In an Appendix to this year's Proceedings we find a report, as it is called by this committee, covering fourteen closely-printed pages. It reviews—but not entirely fairly, we think—the history of the Grand Encampment, and borrows trouble that does not, and probably never will, exist. This special Committee, of which Sir Samuel Harper was Chairman, reported certain propositions to amend the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, which were adopted and ordered to be sent to each Grand Commandery with a request for co-operation, which was done. They are as follows:

First, That the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States abandon the system of centralized and exclusive power which it now maintains, and return to the general system devised by its founders.

Second, That its laws be revised and so simplified as to include general principles only, leaving to Grand Commanderies the power which of right belongs to them to legislate upon all matters of detail.

Third, That sovereign power be recognized as vested in Grand Commanderies, and such general powers only in the Grand Encampment as may be expressly delegated to it.

Fourth, That under the general legislation of the Grand Encampment jurisdiction be vested in Grand Commanderies over the subjects of Uniform, Ritual and Membership.

Fifth, That in order that the Grand Encampment may in peace and quietness provide the legislation necessary to carry out the foregoing changes, it is in duty bound to positively prohibit all parades and entertainments at the time and place when and where its Conclaves shall be held.

It should be said of this report, in the language of Sir Knight Caswell, of California, in his Report on Correspondence:

In it is strongly set forth all the shortcomings of the Grand Encampment, as complained of by different Grand Commanderies; but no word of disloyalty is uttered, and the disbandment of that body is not even hinted at.

These resolutions are given in full in the addresses of several Grand Commanders, and referred to by some others. In reviewing Arkansas, we quote the Grand Commander's strong language declaring loyalty to the Grand Encampment. We have also quoted the rather non-committal language of the Grand Commander of Alabama. We also quote the sensible advice of the Grand Commander of Vermont.

CONNECTICUT.—The Grand Commander, in his address, refers to the Pennsylvania resolutions, and they are published in full. The Committee on Jurisprudence report the following, which were adopted:

Resolved—First, That the Grand Commandery of Connecticut hereby declares its unswerving allegiance to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Second, That the laws of the Grand Encampment should be so revised and simplified as to leave to the several Grand Commanderies the powers which should by right belong to them, to legislate upon all matters of detail.

Third, That under the general legislation of the Grand Encampment, jurisdiction should be vested in the Grand Commanderies over the subjects of Uniform, Ritual and Membership.

—and also the fifth resolution adopted by Pennsylvania.

ILLINOIS.—The resolutions were considered but not approved, as shown by our quotation in reviewing that State.

INDIANA.—The Grand Commander gives the resolutions, and asks their consideration. They were referred to a special Committee, whose report was adopted. We give part of it:

We recommend that the matter of the proposed legislation be left in the hands of the constitutional Representatives of this Grand Commandery in the Grand Encampment to vote for such measures as they believe will best advance the general interests of the Order, believing that needed legislation as to uniform, ritual, discipline and membership can be best secured through the means of the Grand Encampment, and that the conservatism of those members of the Grand Commanderies who constitute the Grand Encampment will prevent any infringement upon the rights of Grand or Subordinate Commanderies.

IOWA.--In 1882 this Grand Commandery adopted resolutions somewhat antagonistic to the Grand Encampment. This year the Grand Commander refers to the matter, and we take the following from his address:

At your Annual Conclave in 1882 you adopted certain resolutions defining the position of this Grand Commandery relative to the powers of the Grand Encampment. This question is now receiving attention at the hands of a number of other Grand Commanderies, and considerable discussion is being indulged in, not altogether favorable to the central body. If the Grand Encampment has departed from the Constitution of the fathers, the evil can better be remedied by other means than by secession. My judgment is that it is better "to bear those ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of," and I am persuaded, from experience at home during the past year, that should the Grand Encampment resolve unanimously to go out of existence to-morrow, a dozen Grand Encampments would spring up all over the land, each one claiming to be the legitimate and only true one, and proceed to peddle the orders of Knighthood for whatever they could get for them.

The special Committee on Grand Encampment, in their report which was adopted, quote the Pennsylvania resolutions with approval; they also state the grievances substantially as stated by the Pennsylvania Committee, but more concisely. They report:

That the committee have duly considered the subject—no new matter in this jurisdiction, nor indeed in many others where the vital "questions presented are receiving attention at the hands of a number of other Grand Commanderies," as we learn from the well-timed address of our Grand Commander. With him, your committee do not feel called upon to discuss the subject of the dissolution of that Grand Body, or of withdrawing from it. But we do consider it eminently proper that this Grand Commandery should reaffirm the position assumed by this body in 1882, and followed by

so many others since, and to insist that due heed and proper consideration be given to our grievances and those under which a majority of the Grand Commanderies are laboring.

The great evil lies in the centralizing power and tendency of the Grand Encampment, its chief officers and committees. It is well known that there is practically no change in either. Triennial after triennial only one of the former goes out, that each remaining may be advanced a step; and so not only all the honors, but the powers for good and evil (in which the latter greatly predominates), are centered and remain in the few. Under the present law, the large jurisdictions, as New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, etc, have no more votes or voice in the management of the affairs of the Grand Encampment than any four of the subordinates under its immediate jurisdiction, which do not pay one-tenth of the revenue or tax levied for the support of the Grand Encampment. Of the several standing and special committees, by the favoritism of the Grand Master, seven-tenths of their membership has been centered in three-tenths of the constituent bodies. In most cases several life members serving on even three and four committees, while many Grand Commanderies have none at all. The evils growing out of this are that the complaints of the constituent Grand Commanderies are not considered, and so go unredressed. But the greatest evil lies in the fact that so much arbitrary power is vested in the Grand Encampment and its Grand Master that the rights of the Grand Commanderies are ignored. It is also true that the three great purposes for which the Grand Encampment was instituted have utterly failed of accomplishment, viz: "Uniform, ritual, and discipline." While it is lamentably too true that the Grand Encampment has lent the whole force of its influence and example to a subject never contemplated in its constitution—that of parades, which, as practiced at the Triennial Conclaves, are utterly subversive of the purpose for which the Order was instituted, viz: Legislation for the general good.

The brief period, less than an hour, which we have had to prepare the report, precludes your committee from enlarging upon any of these topics. With the Grand Commander, we are disposed to right these evils, if possible, within the Grand Encampment, and not out; by constitutional, rather than by violent methods.

Your committee fully endorse the action of the old, and large, and intelligent Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, rather than that of the more violent resolves of some others. We therefore ask the Grand Commandery of Iowa to wheel into line and adopt the resolves of that Grand Commandery.

KENTUCKY.—From the Report on Correspondence by Sir Knight Woodruff we quote:

The wisdom of the present organization of the Grand Encampment has been fully sustained by time and experience, so that no radical changes are now required, and no diminution of its powers is to be contemplated, as the great success of the Order is owing to and dependent upon the ample authority of a firmly established governing body, and, in the axiomatic language of Grand Master Hubbard, "*The larger the number the greater the necessity of having a chief governmental head over all.*"

MARYLAND.—The Grand Commander in his address is not very complimentary to the Grand Encampment. The committee, whose report was adopted, say :

Upon the subject of the Grand Encampment, your Committee do not entirely agree with the remarks of the Grand Commander. Your committee believe there should be an arbiter upon all mooted questions of difference between Grand Commanderies, and that the Grand Encampment is the proper body to adjust such differences, and that if it has not now the power to settle such questions, abundant authority should be given it. They further believe that the itinerant system now followed is not only just to the different Grand Organizations, but beneficial to the Order at large, as it gives the members of the Order ample opportunity to form the acquaintance of large numbers of their fraters who would not attend the meetings of the Grand Encampment if always held in one locality.

The following resolution from the report of another committee on the same subject was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Maryland recommend that Section 4, of Article I., of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment be so amended as to read : "That the first three officers of each Commandery holding its charter immediately from the Grand Encampment shall be entitled to speak upon any question, when in order, but shall not be entitled to vote thereon."

MASS. AND R. I.—A resolution the same as the last above quoted was adopted. A permanent location is recommended.

MICHIGAN.—The Pennsylvania resolutions, with some slight modifications, were adopted.

MISSISSIPPI.—From the Report on Correspondence, 1885, made by Sir Knight Erwin, we quote :

As a fraternal reunion, where the leading minds of the Order are brought in contact, and friendships, ramifying to every corner of our common country, are formed, it cannot but be that good is done. Usually to know our fellow-men better is to love them better, and if our Triennial Conclaves do nothing else than bring the great Templar heart together, strengthening old ties and forming new ones, they are worth all their trouble.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Sir Knight Bell in his Report on Correspondence, in reviewing Iowa, says :

Sir Knight Guilbert is a writer of well-known Masonic fame, and if we may not always agree with him in his conclusions, we must give him credit for decided views. His especial *bête noir* has for long years been the National Grand Bodies, of whose possible usurpations he has great fears. He says hard things, and even

descends to calling names, and, if he could transfer them to his paper, we almost think he would make up faces at the Grand Encampment. If our frater will pardon the suggestion, far more effect is produced by candid arguments than violent denunciation. The writer, in the course of almost thirty years' observation of the course of Masonic discussion, during the most of which he has had occasion to write Reports on Correspondence, has had opportunity to learn of how little utility such discussions are. The General Grand Bodies have during all that time been denounced by not a few, who, for various reasons, have doubted their usefulness, but the great mass of the Craft have steadily persisted in the belief that, somehow, sufficient good came from them to justify their existence. And when it seemed that they were about to succumb to the attacks made upon them, their foes themselves have proved their strongest defenders.

OHIO.—From the Report on Correspondence, by Sir Knight Carson, we quote :

While there are a very few of our accomplished and intelligent Templars antagonistic to the National Body, it is gratifying to know that the great mass of the Order are devotedly loyal to it. As for ourselves, we are firm in the conviction that the National Grand Body is essential to the stability, grandeur and influence of the Order in the United States. We believe that it is stronger to-day in its support with the rank and file of the Order than it was ten years ago, and we have no reason to fear for its future.

TENNESSEE.—The report of the committee recommending that this Grand Commandery "join the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island," in proposing certain amendments, was adopted.

TEXAS.—The Grand Commander calls attention to these resolutions, giving them in full in his address, and adds:

I regard the Grand Encampment of the United States as a Supreme Body, whose existence is necessary to the welfare of our Order. If its Constitution is defective, the Representatives of the Grand Commanderies can correct it by amendment. I therefore recommend that these resolutions be not adopted, but that such action be taken upon the subject as may best promote the good of our Order.

The report of the Committee was adopted, as follows:

In regard to the Pennsylvania and Iowa resolutions referred to in the Grand Commander's address, your Committee recommend that this Grand Commandery extend to the Grand Encampment of the United States assurances of its loyalty and support in the exercise of its Constitutional functions as they now exist. We have no fear of encroachments by that Grand Body on the rights and privileges which Subordinate Grand Commanderies covet. In former years this Grand Body has expressed itself as favorable to a National Tem-

plar organization, and we believe that the rights of State Commanderies to regulate their internal affairs are not curtailed further than is necessary in an organization co-extensive with the limits of the Republic.

VERMONT.—Grand Commander Chapman, in his address, says:

The wisdom of the Grand Encampment in devoting time to public parades and sanctioning social festivities may be honestly questioned, and efforts to regulate these matters cannot meet with disapproval. Without entering in detail into other causes of complaint, and admitting that the Grand Encampment has at times pursued a vacillating policy; admitting that there are errors in the doings of the Grand Body which will require careful and judicious action, I hold that ever since the Grand Encampment was endowed with extraordinary central power, the Order has had one long season of prosperity and usefulness; that the Grand Encampment has been a great balance wheel to regulate differences, and has kept ever in view that unity and harmony which is the strength of our Order. I trust I echo the sentiments of the Grand Commandery of Vermont when I say: All hail! to the Grand Encampment of the United States; when I tender the true and loyal support of the Sir Knights of the Green Mountains.

We have in former years, in closing our report, called attention to the questions then under general consideration by Grand Commanders, Grand Commanderies and Reporters on Correspondence. This year the Grand Encampment seems to be the principal bone of contention, or question for discussion. We have given it more space and attention than at first intended.

It is curious to note the widely different grounds on which the complaints are based. One party, and in it notably Sir Knight Guilbert, of Iowa, and Sir Knight Harper, of Pennsylvania, complain of the centralized and exclusive power which it maintains and exercises. They insist that the Grand Encampment leave to the Grand Commanderies exclusive control of the subjects of Uniform, Ritual and Membership. We submit that outside of these matters there could be but little for the Grand Encampment to do unless it be to *parade*. In other words, they complain bitterly of the *action* of the Grand Encampment. Another class is equally loud in complaining because the Grand Encampment does not, or rather for years did not, adopt a ritual, establish tac-

tics and drill, prescribe uniform and pass other needed laws; in fact, they complain of the *inaction* of the Grand Encampment.

If the Grand Encampment legislates and adopts measures for the government of the Order, it becomes a "system of centralized and exclusive power." When it fails to legislate, we hear the ominous words, "The *uselessness* of the Grand Encampment must end, or this Grand Commandery ought to withdraw from its control."

We are willing, as we have done heretofore, to admit there is some cause for both complaints. Perfection on earth, we are told, has not more than once been attained. But we most strenuously insist that the strong and flourishing condition of the Order to-day is largely due to the beneficial influences of the Grand Encampment. And this discussion, we believe, will only add to its usefulness and its power for good, through the increased respect entertained for it.

One of the strongest objections urged against the Grand Encampment is the usual parade and social festivities. Having this in view, we could not help noticing this same feature attending many of the annual Conclaves. We have, in reviewing several of the States, called attention to this matter, and have put ourselves on record against such displays; especially when carried to the extent of publicly installing Grand Officers. With this tendency so prominently displayed in the Grand Commanderies, can we expect anything else in the Grand Encampment?

We believe, with the Grand Commander of Vermont:

That the Grand Encampment has been a great balance wheel to regulate differences, and has kept ever in view that unity and harmony which is the strength of our Order.

And we believe we stand with the great majority of the Order.

Regarding Tactics and Drill, we notice that many Grand Commanderies have adopted Grant's Tactics.

We have tried to keep this report "within due bounds," as in former years, and but for the Grand Encampment question could have done so. On this we would like to say more, but may have said too much.

We desire to thank all the members of Guild for the uniform kindness and fairness we have ever received in their reviews and criticisms. We fully reciprocate the kindly feelings expressed.

Again we note that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Templar world. With the hope and desire that this happy condition may ever continue, we close our report.

HARPER M. ORAHOOD,

For the Committee.

STATISTICS.

Prepared by Sir Stephen Berry, Maine.

| GRAND COMMANDERIES. | Returns for | Subordinates. | Members. | Knighted. | Affiliated. | Re-instated. | Dimitted. | Suspended and Dropped. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Our Last Report. |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| Alabama, May 19..... | 1886 | 6 | 195 | 11 | 5 | ..... | 6 | 32 | ..... | 2 | 209 |
| Arkansas, May 11..... | 1886 | 9 | 317 | 35 | 5 | 1 | 42 | 4 | ..... | 4 | 288 |
| California, April 29..... | 1886 | 25 | 1,979 | 126 | 128 | 2 | 45 | 27 | 1 | 28 | 1,936 |
| Colorado, Sept. 18..... | 1885 | 13 | 654 | 89 | 12 | ..... | 36 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 578 |
| Connecticut, March 16..... | 1886 | 11 | 1,495 | 72 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 14 | ..... | 25 | 1,458 |
| Dakota, May 11..... | 1886 | 8 | 381 | 89 | 43 | ..... | 14 | 2 | ..... | 3 | 282 |
| Georgia, May 19..... | 1886 | 7 | 403 | 24 | 6 | ..... | 17 | 9 | ..... | 9 | 387 |
| Illinois, Oct. 27..... | 1885 | 56 | 6,299 | 389 | 50 | 18 | 186 | 94 | 9 | 66 | 6,004 |
| Indiana, April 27..... | 1886 | 31 | 2,515 | 182 | 42 | 11 | 67 | 40 | 5 | 34 | 2,429 |
| Iowa, Oct. 22..... | 1885 | 48 | 3,397 | 240 | 50 | 1 | 98 | 37 | 1 | 34 | 3,188 |
| Kansas, May 11..... | 1886 | 26 | 1,587 | 175 | 22 | 4 | 66 | 15 | 2 | 20 | 1,469 |
| Kentucky, May 12..... | 1886 | 23 | 1,164 | 66 | 11 | 5 | 31 | 30 | 3 | 29 | 1,479 |
| Louisiana, Feb. 12..... | 1886 | 4 | 313 | 12 | 1 | 1 | ..... | 3 | ..... | 9 | 311 |
| Maine, May 5..... | 1886 | 15 | 1,898 | 115 | 31 | ..... | 47 | 21 | ..... | 20 | 1,840 |
| Maryland, Nov. 24..... | 1885 | 7 | 761 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 10 | ..... | 9 | 774 |
| Mass. and R. I., Oct. 28..... | 1885 | 40 | 6,684 | 297 | 26 | 7 | 83 | 68 | 1 | 101 | 6,486 |
| Michigan, May 11..... | 1886 | 36 | 3,650 | 310 | 33 | 15 | 126 | 38 | 6 | 44 | 3,469 |
| Minnesota, June 24..... | 1886 | 18 | 1,484 | 116 | 23 | 2 | 59 | 12 | ..... | 13 | 1,427 |
| Mississippi, Feb. 9..... | 1886 | 12 | 313 | 5 | ..... | 3 | 3 | 17 | ..... | 3 | 383 |
| Missouri, May 5..... | 1885 | 46 | 2,472 | 214 | 49 | 5 | 73 | 19 | ..... | 24 | 2,472 |
| Nebraska, April 11..... | 1885 | 15 | 702 | 65 | 13 | ..... | 12 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 702 |
| New Hampshire, Sept. 29..... | 1885 | 9 | 1,255 | 69 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8 | ..... | 17 | 1,217 |
| New Jersey, May 11..... | 1886 | 14 | 1,198 | 43 | 5 | ..... | 32 | 26 | 12 | 15 | 1,233 |
| New York, Oct. 13..... | 1885 | 55 | 7,562 | 433 | 64 | 28 | 112 | 158 | 2 | 96 | 7,419 |
| North Carolina, Aug. 26..... | 1885 | 7 | 174 | 11 | 3 | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | 3 | 167 |
| Ohio, Oct. 8..... | 1885 | 39 | 5,259 | 291 | 102 | 12 | 127 | 42 | 33 | 63 | 5,109 |
| Pennsylvania, May 25..... | 1886 | 61 | 7,413 | 481 | 47 | 11 | 115 | 149 | 1 | 98 | 7,174 |
| Tennessee, May 18..... | 1886 | 14 | 797 | 36 | 13 | ..... | 32 | 13 | 1 | 20 | 813 |
| Texas, April 15..... | 1885 | 17 | 923 | 98 | 8 | 4 | 22 | 24 | 2 | 14 | 923 |
| Vermont, June 8..... | 1886 | 9 | 873 | 69 | 2 | ..... | 13 | 26 | ..... | 19 | 848 |
| Virginia, Nov. 18..... | 1885 | 16 | 857 | 54 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 1 | 16 | 833 |
| W. Virginia, May 12..... | 1886 | 8 | 331 | 21 | 4 | ..... | 6 | 14 | ..... | 6 | 332 |
| Wisconsin, Oct. 13..... | 1885 | 19 | 1,752 | 94 | 10 | 2 | 26 | 4 | ..... | 25 | 1,701 |
| G. Encampment Subordinates. | 1883 | *27 | *2,031 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2,031 |
| Total in United States..... | 1886 | 752 | 69,299 | 6357 | 720 | 145 | 1515 | 965 | 83 | 877 | 67,371 |
| Canada, July 7..... | 1885 | 26 | 855 | 98 | 47 | ..... | 56 | 18 | ..... | 11 | 855 |
| England and Wales..... | 1886 | 106 | 2,900 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2,900 |
| Ireland..... | 1886 | 45 | 1,300 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,250 |
| Scotland..... | 1886 | 10 | 450 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 418 |
| Total in World..... | 1886 | 939 | 74,804 | 4455 | 767 | 145 | 1571 | 983 | 83 | 888 | 72,794 |

*Less Dakota.

TABLE OF GAINS AND LOSSES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Prepared by Sir N. R. Ruckle, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Indiana.

| STATES. | Members, 1884. | Members, 1885. | Loss. | Gain. |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Alabama..... | 231 | 209 | 22 | |
| Arkansas..... | 225 | 288 | | 63 |
| California..... | 1,850 | 1,936 | | 86 |
| Connecticut..... | 1,400 | 1,458 | | 58 |
| Colorado..... | 578 | 654 | | 76 |
| Dakota..... | 225 | 282 | | 57 |
| Georgia..... | 401 | 387 | 14 | |
| Iowa..... | 3,188 | 3,307 | | 119 |
| Illinois..... | 6,004 | 6,299 | | 295 |
| Indiana..... | 2,429 | 2,515 | | 86 |
| Kansas..... | 1,379 | 1,467 | | 88 |
| Kentucky..... | 1,473 | 1,479 | | 6 |
| Louisiana..... | 319 | 311 | | |
| Maine..... | 1,848 | 1,840 | 8 | |
| Maryland..... | 772 | 761 | 11 | |
| Massachusetts and Rhode Island..... | 6,486 | 6,684 | | 198 |
| Michigan..... | 3,404 | 3,469 | | 65 |
| Minnesota..... | 1,299 | 1,427 | | 128 |
| Mississippi..... | 383 | 340 | 43 | |
| Missouri..... | 2,297 | 2,472 | | 265 |
| Nebraska..... | 644 | 702 | | 58 |
| New Hampshire..... | 1,217 | 1,255 | | 38 |
| New Jersey..... | 1,246 | 1,233 | 13 | |
| New York..... | 7,419 | 7,562 | | 143 |
| North Carolina..... | 167 | 174 | | 7 |
| Ohio..... | 5,109 | 5,259 | | 150 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 6,870 | 7,174 | | 304 |
| Tennessee..... | 790 | 813 | | 23 |
| Texas..... | 884 | 923 | | 39 |
| Vermont..... | 833 | 848 | | 15 |
| Virginia..... | 833 | 857 | | 24 |
| West Virginia..... | 315 | 332 | | 17 |
| Wisconsin..... | 1,701 | 1,752 | | 51 |
| Grand Encampment Subordinates..... | 2,100 | 2,129 | | 29 |
| Total..... | 66,229 | 68,598 | 119 | 2,488 |
| Net gain..... | | | | 2,369 |

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JURISDICTION.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1886.

COLORADO COMMANDERY No. 1—DENVER, ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

[Dispensation January 13, 1886. Chartered September 18, 1863, by Grand Encampment of United States.]

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Aaron Gove, E. C.
William E. Greenlee, G.
Sidney A. Shepperd, C. G.
Orr Legge, Pre.
Charles A. Raymond, S. W.
Christopher C. Gird, J. W.

James M. Strickler, Treas.
Oliver A. Whittemore, Rec.
William Smedley, Std. B.
Thomas Nicholl, Swd. Br.
Wesley J. Gibbs, War.
Thomas Linton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, Henry E.
Allen, Quincy
Anstee, George
Antony, Webster D.
Ashley, Eli M.
Babcock, William N.
Bailey, Hiram L.
Bailey, Joseph L.
Bates, Lewis N.
Bayles, Benjamin H.
Beal, Horace W.
Bergh, Abraham
Billings, George N.
Bishop, Joseph W., Jr.
Bohm, Henry
Bond, William M.
Bonesteel, Samuel A.
Boyer, John C.
Brooks, Edward J.
Brown, J. Sidney
Burke, M. W.
Butterbaugh, George
Came, Virgil M.
Campbell, Donald W.
Capron, A. B.
Carmichael, Daniel F.
Carney, John C.
Chaney, Silas W.
Cheesman, Walter S.
Chivington, John M.
Church, Frank
Clark, Charles T.
Clarke, Clarence J.
Clemes, James H.
Cline, Philo.
Cook, David J.
Corning, George C.
Cramer, Fred.
Cranmer, William H. H.
Cranston, Earl

Cutshaw, Leonard
Dailley, John L.
Danielson, Frank M.
Davis, Flavius N.
Duggan, George
Edbrooke, Frank E.
Elbert, Samuel H.
Evans, John
Felker, William B.
Fisher, Cyrus W.
Fitzgerald, M. J.
Flanders, Leonard H.
Fletcher, Donald
Fox, Jeremiah M.
France, Lewis B.
Gallup, Francis
Goodwin, Hiram S.
Graham, David B.
Graham, John W.
Greenleaf, Lawrence N.
Groves, James R.
Hard, Frank J.
Harrington, Benjamin F.
Hartung, Hugo R.
Hatten, Robert L.
Henry, Oren H.
Hoffer, John G.
Holsington, Jasper M.
Holmes, Ansel D.
Howell, William R.
Hutchins, Samuel A.
Johnson, Albert
Jones, J. W.
Jones, Lathan W.
Kavanagh, Roderick F.
Kelley, James
Kimball, George K.
Kirby, Marcellus C.
Klock, John I.
Kountze, Charles B.

LaDue, Theodore F.
Lambert, Joseph
Leiff, Joseph
Livezey, John, Jr.
Loper, Edward J.
Long, Robert A.
McCarty, Andrew J.
McConnell, J. G.
McLellan, William W.
McHatton, Charles K.
Mack, Fred
Mansfield, Nathan T.
Milner, Joseph
Moore, David H.
Morrison, Thomas J.
Mouat, John
Newell, Harris W.
Nolds, Elisha J.
Norton, Samuel B.
Oswald, Daniel C.
Palmer, William B.
Parkhurst, William G.
Patten, Thomas J.
Pennock, Homer
Perkins, William F.
Pierson, Robert K.
Pochin, Joseph L.
Porter, James H.
Pringle, J. P.
Rainey, John D.
Reed, William
Riddell, Philip H.
Riggs, Joseph S.
Rogers, B. W.
Rogers, William T.
Routt, John L.
Rubicam, Jonathan S.
Scholtz, Edmund L.
Schrader, Fred C.
Skiff, Fred J. V.

MEMBERS.

Skinner, Daniel T.
Sopris, Richard
Spangler, Michael
Steele, Robert W.
Stephens, Henry, Jr.
Stimson, Charles
Thompson, George W.
Titecomb, John S.
Todd, William D.
Toovey, William
Tritch, George

Tuttle, Herman B.
Vallie, Uplide
Van Horn, Marlon D.
Vosburg, J. J.
Wadsworth, Harrison L.
Walley, John J.
Walsen, Fred
Watkins, Leonard A.
Wheeler, Byron A.
Whittall, T. D.
Wilder, Asa

Wilgus, Thomas B.
Willoughby, Edmund A.
Wilson, Andrew D.
Wilson, Joseph C.
Wilson, William J.
Winne, Peter
Wolff, Alfred
Woodbury, Roger W.
Yunker, Jason T.
Ziegenfuss, Charles O.

CENTRAL CITY COMMANDERY No. 2—CENTRAL CITY, GILPIN COUNTY.

[Dispensation November 8, 1866. Chartered October 28, 1868, by Grand Encampment of United States.]

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

William Fullerton, E. C.
Newton D. Owen, G.
Edward F. Clinton, C. G.
Clayton F. Becker, Pre.
Thomas H. Potter, S. W.
George W. Mabce, J. W.

Johh Best, Treas.
Samuel I. Lorah, Rec.
William C. Fullerton, Std. B.
Richard Harvey, Swd. Br.
Caleb J. Martin, War.
Perry A. Kline, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, John D.
Collier, David C.
Jones, Aaron M.
Lechner, George W.
Mosley, Richard W.
Nichols, Foster
Orahood, Harper M.

Prout, John
Roberts, Daniel
Rust, William R.
Sayr, Hal.
Stebbins, Henry H.
Teller, Henry M.

Tallman, Jacob
Van Deren, Arch J.
Vivian, George G.
Watson, Joseph W.
Wells, Benj. T.
Young, Frank C.

PUEBLO COMMANDERY No. 3—PUEBLO, PUEBLO COUNTY.

[Dispensation August 17, 1874. Chartered December 3, 1874, by Grand Encampment of United States.]

[Conclaves first Saturday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Ephraim J. Castle, E. C.
James S. Stewart, G.
William H. Sweeney, C. G.
Stephen H. Guernsey, Pre.
John W. Sleeper, S. W.
James A. Joy, J. W.

Michael H. Fitch, Treas.
Herman M. McKnight, Rec.
Ufford Bradley, Std. B.
William C. Taylor, Swd. Br.
Frank B. Gault, War.
William T. McMurray, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Adams, George S.
Adams, Alva
Banks, Horace N.
Banks, Henry C.
Bassett, Alden
Billington, William H.
Chilcott, George M.
Campbell, Alexis R.
Collins, John W.

Crary, B. F.
Culver, William E.
Chew, Samuel H.
Clark, M. C.
Clark, John T.
Corwin, Richard W.
DeRemer, James R.
Dunbaugh, George J.
Dunbaugh, Frank M.

Fisher, Albert T.
Faurrell, William H.
Goodnight, Charles
Grant, Angus A.
Guest, Thomas
Gardner, Samuel
Glatzel, Frank
Gartley, Wilson P.
Holland, Alfred G.

MEMBERS.

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Haskins, Benjamin F. | Miles, John E. | Stanton, Irving W. |
| Hard, Gideon H. | Mee, James C. | Steen, Robert A. |
| Hilburn, Milton H. | Newcomer, Charles E. | Shields, George A. |
| James, Rees | Nelson, Charles F. | Shockey, William L. |
| Keeler, Hiram B. | Nash, Herman W. | Stanchfield, James |
| King, Frank P. | Newton, Whitney | Thombs, Pembroke R. |
| Kane, William B. | Orman, James B. | Tripp, Chrestus A. |
| Kilbourn, Jonathan B. | Olin, Ceylon E. | Tattnall, George H. |
| Lytle, Robert F. | Perkins, George W. | Townsend, Wood F. |
| McMurtrie, John A. | Pochon, Joseph | Thompson, Thomas |
| McCord, James H. | Parsons, Charles S. | Urmy, D. Frank |
| McDaniel, Z. T. | Root, George H. | Usher, William W. |
| Morton, Jesse G. | Rose, George W. | Van Hovenberg, D. M. |
| Morgan, George W. | Richards, Norman P. | Wilson, Christopher |
| Mark, Milton H. | Strait, William W. | Wadleigh, Frank A. |
| Morse, Henry M. | Shrock, Frank P. | Wright, Rowland A. |
| Miller, Alfred W. | Smith, James E. | Wartenbee, Robert |
| Manley, John W. | Serjeant, Ellis | |

GEORGETOWN COMMANDERY No. 4—GEORGETOWN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.

[Dispensation January 24, 1880. Chartered September 24, 1880]

[Conclaves first Wednesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Warren M. Fletcher, E. C. | Chas. R. Fish, Treas. |
| Geo. H. Barrett, G. | Ernest Le Neve Foster, Rec. |
| Chas. H. Jacobson, C. G. | Chas. W. Pollard, Std. B. |
| Ed. C. Parmelee, Pre. | David R. Wilson, Swd. Br. |
| Fred S. Johnson, S. W. | John F. Phillips, War. |
| George Meyers, J. W. | James Lees, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Barton, William E. | Criley, William W. | Love, Joseph A. |
| Bates, Henry C. | Forstrand, Peter M. | Morrison, Robert S. |
| Boyer, Henry | Glaze, Daniel W. | Pomeroy, Richard A. |
| Cornish, Nicholas D. | Hall, George W. | Strausser, Franklin |
| Cornish, Thomas | Hambel, John R. | Wade, Charles H. |

MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS COMMANDERY No. 5.—LEADVILLE, LAKE COUNTY.

[Dispensation May 1, 1880. Chartered September 24, 1880.]

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Joseph H. Playter, E. C. | Joel W. Smith, Treas. |
| Frank H. Officer, G. | A. A. Burnand, Rec. |
| John W. Flintham, C. G. | Albert B. Croskey, Std. B. |
| John M. Maxwell, Pre. | Francis Rose, Swd. Br. |
| Thomas Kneale, S. W. | William J. Cain, War. |
| Geo. R. Smith, J. W. | William Braden, C. of G. |

MEMBERS.

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Alfred, John | Burchinell, William K. | Burdick, William N. |
| Branch, Albert H. | Boettcher, Charles | Beaudry, Fred B. |
| Bright, William H. | Bernard, James J. | Boone, James B. |
| Becker, Peter | Baker, Irwin G. | Brown, David R. C. |

MEMBERS.

Bowdish, Russell C.
Coster, Porter J.
Campbell, John W.
Cook, Thomas H.
Cook, Geo. W.
Carson, John C.
DeLay, Rob t L.
Dougan, Geo. B.
Ellis, William
Fancher, Bicknell
Gunnell, Allen T.
Gay, Frank

Gutshall, Samuel P.
Guller, William
Galloway, B. S.
Howell, Cornelius C.
Harker, Oliver H.
Harvey, John
Mack, Jacob
Musser, John W.
McMillen, Neil
McMillen, Roderick
McNiven, Dan
Nessel, Joseph

Pena, Sotero
Peterson, Peter A.
Playter, Arthur T.
Pierce, Joseph N.
Reef, Joseph S.
Racene, Dan. A.
Van Wagenen, Theo. F.
Wheat, Lysander B.
Whinnerah, Raymond
Wilder, Samuel D.
Williams, John H.

PIKE'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 6.—COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY.

[Dispensation April 18, 1881. Chartered September 23, 1881.]

[Conclaves first and third Thursdays in each month]

OFFICERS.

L. C. Skinner, E. C.
Joseph F. Humphrey, G.
James M. Ellison, C. G.
James H. Keer, Pre.
James P. Barnes, S. W.
J. A. Himebaugh, J. W.

John W. Stillman, Treas.
Albert Matthews, Rec.
F. E. Dow, Std. B.
Edwin J. Eaton, Swd. Br.
Thomas Hughes, War.
W. H. D. Merrill, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Aux, George
Bletso, A. J.
Courter, John
Crowel, B. F.
Dillon, Chester H.
Edwards, Charles E.
Fairley, D. B.

France, Matt
Howbert, Irving
Howarth, G. L.
Lawton, Andrew L.
Martin, F. L.
Marston, J. L.
Mook, Anson E.

Pearcy, R. G.
Potter, John
Reynolds, J. E.
Sagendorf, Andrew
Smith, Walt. A.
Wells, J. G.

MT. SINAI COMMANDERY* No. 7—BOULDER, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Dispensation December 10, 1881. Chartered September 22, 1882.]

[Conclaves second and fourth Mondays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Horace O. Dodge, E. C.
Thomas Danford, G.
Albert T. Henry, C. G.
Thos. V. Wilson, Pre.
Sylvester S. Downer, S. W.
Eli P. Metcalf, J. W.

Andrew J. Macky, Treas.
Eugene Wilder, Rec.
George F. Chase, Std. B.
George M. McClure, Swd. B.
George F. Fonda, War.
*Dan'l A. Robinson, C. of G.

*Not a Member.

MEMBERS.

Allison, William H.
Bradley, Herbert N.
Bemus, James E.
Brown, Samuel C.
Chambe s, John S.
Develine, J. W. (Honorary.)
Davis, John

Dabney, Charles
Ellingham, John J.
Glessner, Charles E.
Gilbert, Richard
Hutchinson, Daniel J.
Hathaway, Mark
Johnston, William J.

Kempton, James
Kohler, Fred W.
Lockwood, Fred
Le' Alfred E.
Ma well, James P.
Moo' ead, J. Lawrence
Moffet, J. C.

MEMBERS.

McGaffey, Samuel M.
 Nicholson, John W.
 Owen, Thos. R.
 Pine, B. Frank
 Pierce, Edwin F.
 Rowen, William F.
 Rogers, Platt

Smith, James A.
 Spencer, Charles L.
 Simpson, John H.
 Safely, Alex. F.
 Streamer, Frank M.
 Spangler, George W.
 Sawyer, Alvin M.

Schriver, J. Clay
 Titcomb, Hiram R.
 Velle, James B., Jr.
 Walker, Harlan P.
 Washburn, Hiram E.
 Wimer, John A.
 Wellman, Sylvanus

GUNNISON COMMANDERY No. 8—GUNNISON, GUNNISON COUNTY.

[Dispensation May 28, 1883. Chartered September 21, 1883.]

[Conclaves second Wednesday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

A. J. Bean, E. C.
 Eugene P. Shove, G.
 Nathaniel Jennings, C. G.
 Herman Bragg, Pre.
 William J. Pine, S. W.
 David C. Scribner, J. W.

Thos. C. Brown, Treas.
 Frank A. Root, Rec.
 John Kinkaid, Std. B.
 Cyrus W. Shores, Swd. Br.
 John J. Thomas, War.
 Edward W. Burton, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abercrombie, Otis P.
 Biebel, Charles
 Brown, Ira
 Chamblin, Albert K.
 Cuenin, Joseph
 Dailey, John F.
 Donnellan, John T.
 Davis, Orson C.
 Fesler, John H.
 Gibson, John

Hazen, Norman F.
 Kellock, Andrew
 Lawrence, James S.
 Maloney, Thomas J.
 Morgan, Chas. H.
 Moseley, George T.
 McIver, John J.
 McKenna, Thos. J.
 Roblee, Morgan A.
 Scott, William T.

Snyder, William
 Steele, Frank D.
 Sweeney, John
 Wadsworth, William H.
 Waller, Marion S.
 White, William S.
 Williams, Henry
 Woodhouse, Frank B.
 Winn, Chas. F.
 Youngs, George

CANON CITY COMMANDERY No. 9—CANON CITY, FREMONT COUNTY.

[Dispensation November 12, 1883. Chartered September 19, 1884.]

[Conclaves third Thursday in each month.]

OFFICERS.

J. H. Peabody, E. C.
 W. T. Bridwell, G.
 E. C. Grey, C. G.
 D. C. Pattee, Pre.
 L. J. Hall, S. W.
 W. E. Fort, J. W.

Chas. Pauls, Treas.
 G. W. Roe, Rec.
 C. M. Collins, Std. B.
 E. A. Butler, Swd. Br.
 T. H. Craven, War.
 L. W. Parkhurst, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Allen, David
 Bethel, G. W.
 Bainbridge, Wm.
 Cassidy, G. R.
 Clelland, James
 Campbell, J. F.
 Chapman, J. P.
 Davenport, C. E.
 Dufer, C. E.
 Engleman, M. M.
 Gilmore, B. W.
 Getman, L. P.
 Gillett, Jasen
 Hall, R. D.
 Hoxie, J. A.

Harp, W. R.
 Haskins, C. F.
 Hadden, George
 Johnson, W. E.
 Leyshon, J. G.
 Lawrence, A. B.
 Millsom, J. W.
 Milliken, Chas.
 Mitchell, G. M.
 Maxon, C. W.
 Mitchell, Edwin
 McGrath, Miles
 McGilliard, W. P.
 Pople, Roger

Parker, W. C.
 Rudolph, A. E.
 Reynolds, F. A.
 Robertson, John
 Robertson, W. E.
 Roller, W. W.
 Sartor, Augustus
 Smith, C. C.
 Seli, Franz
 Shaw, David
 Thompson, L. C.
 Whalen, John W.
 Wallace, Henry
 Wilber, Ernst

GREELEY COMMANDERY No. 10—GREELEY, WELD COUNTY.

[Dispensation January 26, 1884. Chartered September 19, 1884.]

[Conclaves second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

Henry B. Jackson, E. C.
Charles W. Wulffen, G.
Sharon Atkinson, C. G.
John T. Protheroe, Pre.
Dwight B. Wilson, S. W.
Le Roy Mansfield, J. W.

Deane Monahan, Treas.
Joseph A. Woodbury, Rec.
Winfield S. Fullerton, Std. B.
Benj. W. Hilton, Swd. Br.
Menzo C. Matteson, War.
Thomas G. Macy, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Abbott, Eugene H.
Austin, Olin
Brush, Jared L.
Childs, Francis L.
Eaton, Benj. H.
Edmunds, Merritt C.

Freeman, James M.
Hogarty, Michael J.
Johnson, Bruce F.
Mead, Mark S.
Pollock, William P.
Pattinson, Benj. W.

Reynolds, Lafayette
Randolph, Calvin
Smith, Martin H.
Wilson, Geo. E.
West, Henry T.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY No. 11.—DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY.

[Dispensation March 4, 1884. Chartered September 19, 1884.]

[Conclaves second and fourth Saturdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

J. C. Langley, E. C.
A. R. Lewis, G.
Edward Lambert, Jr., C. G.
Eugene DeBurn, Pre.
Will T. Longnecker, S. W.
F. H. Young, J. W.

Charles Newman, Treas.
Geo. Weaver, Rec.
Albert Morawetz, Std. B.
J. L. Parsons, Swd. Br.
F. B. Roberts, War.
Geo. Freund, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Bayly, William
Breen, M.
Carter, W. B.
Clarke, Wm. M.
Dennison, P. F.
Dixon, Wm. H.
Darrow, W. S.
Daugherty, W. W.
Devine, W. E.
Fassbinder, Peter
Goodman, Henry C.

Heffron, H. G.
Hickey, Charles
Knowles, John
Kephart, Geo. W.
Klinginder, M.
Killala, Frank
Lindsay, T. P.
La Count, W. H.
McCormick, W. M.
Middaugh, W. H.
MacGregor, D. C.

Rockwood, Thomas
Shaw, D. J.
Sheets, D. L.
Thompson, S. H.
Thorp, Geo. L.
West, Geo. E.
Warren, W. D.
Wagstaff, D. R.
Waters, J. H. Ernest
Wigglesworth, Thomas
Wingate, Jno. W.

LONG'S PEAK COMMANDERY No. 12.—LONGMONT, BOULDER COUNTY.

[Dispensation June 2, 1884. Chartered September 19, 1884.]

[Conclaves first and third Wednesdays in each month.]

OFFICERS.

George Wyman, E. C.
Lewis H. Dickson, G.
Byron L. Carr, C. G.
Richard M. Hubbell, Pre.
Charles O. Webb, S. W.
Charles H. Baker, J. W.

John Ramsey, Treas.
Eben White, Rec.
William W. Secor, Std. B.
Conrad Bardill, Swd. Br.
Wm. Hockenberger, War.
Geo. S. Phillips, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, Virgil F.
Atwood, George N.
Buckley, John A.
Brown, Casius M.
Butler, Thomas
Buckel, William J.

Calkins, Carlton C.
Denio, J. Wilbur
Dell, George T.
Estes, Milton
Griffith, Richard G.
Herron, Ira L.

Herron, Oscar F.
King, William
Lykins, David J.
Tallman, Isaac T.
Shoemaker, James F.
Webb, William H.

DEMOLAY COMMANDERY No. 13.—FORT COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY.

[Dispensation October 1, 1884. Chartered September 18, 1885.]

[Conclaves first and third Tuesdays in each month]

OFFICERS.

Chas. L. Ingersoll, E. C.
Thomas M. Robinson, G.
Peter Anderson, C. G.
Suel E. Clark, Pre.
Harvey F. Sturdevant, S.W.
Alonzo P. Sickman, J. W.

Jay H. Boughton, Treas.
Ansel Watrous, Rec.
James B. Arthur, Std. B.
Porter D. Learnard, Swd. Br.
Andrew J. Hottel, War.
John W. Henderson, C. of G.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, Andrew
Brewer, C. W.
Cassidy, James
Griener, Jackson M.
Giddings, Leander
Garbutt, Edward N.

Hottel, Isaac W.
Lee, Harry A.
Lull, Celestine E.
Love, Eph.
McIntyre, Josiah W.

Montgomery, Thos J.
Miller, Chas. P.
Patton, David
Plummer, Zur. C.
Ticknor, A. A.

ASPEN MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY U. D.—ASPEN, PITKIN COUNTY.

Dispensation July 16, 1886, to

W. N. Burdick, E. C.
L. J. W. Vary, G.
W. H. Bright, C. G.
and others.

Chartered October 8, 1886, as

ASPEN MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY No. 14,

With—

W. N. Burdick, E. C.
L. J. W. Vary, G.
W. H. Bright, C. G.

And—

Dean, M. H.
George, James
Auld, John
Keene, S. W.
Van Hoevenbergh, D. M.
Brown, D. R. C.

Cuenin, Jos.
Robinson, Edward S.
Bevis, H. S.
Stone, Lewis A.
Reese, Charles

Durand, Chas. W.
Clark, Walter S.
Dongan, William
Gillespie, H. B.
Connor, James C.

DIED.

| NAME. | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Christensen, John S..... | 1 | February 18, 1886. |
| Goddard, R. P..... | 1 | May 6, 1886. |
| Rinehart, Wm. C..... | 1 | August 14, 1886. |
| Elkins, John T..... | 5 | August 2, 1886. |
| Wanless, John..... | 6 | July 21, 1886. |
| Stevens, James..... | 7 | November 29, 1885. |

APPENDIX.

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REINSTATED.

| NAME. | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Pringle, J. P..... | 1 | June 6, 1885. |
| Griffin, F. F..... | 1 | November 17, 1885. |

EXPELLED.

| NAME. | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Berry, Richard..... | 10 | May 26, 1886. |

SUSPENDED.

| NAME. | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Ashley, John K..... | 1 | December 5, 1885. |
| Cyrode, Wm. Y..... | 5 | February 17, 1886. |
| Gouber, E. H..... | 5 | February 17, 1886. |
| Hyde, Willard S..... | 5 | February 17, 1886. |
| Drake, George W..... | 5 | April 21, 1886. |
| Low, E. A..... | 6 | February 4, 1886. |
| Willbur, M. C..... | 6 | March 4, 1886. |
| Peck, Oren H. | 6 | August 28, 1886. |
| Hafner, Oscar..... | 6 | August 28, 1886. |
| *Meuser, J. E. | 11 | October 3, 1882. |
| *By Beausaunt Commandery No. 12, Decorah, Iowa. | | |

DIMITTED.

| NAME. | COMMANDERY. | DATE. |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Wright, George F..... | 1. | November 17, 1885. |
| Griffin, Fred F..... | 1 | November 17, 1885. |
| Durell, E. P..... | 1 | December 1, 1885. |
| Winter, A. T..... | 1 | June 1, 1886. |
| Richards, S. J..... | 1 | July 6, 1886. |
| Newcomb, Henry E..... | 2 | December 17, 1885. |
| Balfour, C. M..... | 3 | January 2, 1886. |
| McAnulty, R. E..... | 3 | January 2, 1886. |
| Clough, A..... | 3 | April 3, 1886. |
| Veatch, B. E..... | 3 | April 3, 1886. |
| Schmidlap, John D..... | 3 | August 7, 1886. |
| Shanstrom, Perry G..... | 5 | January 6, 1886. |
| Warren, Henry L..... | 5 | February 17, 1886. |
| Clark, Wm. M..... | 5 | September 19, 1884. |
| Lytle, W. H..... | 6 | January 21, 1886. |
| Anderson, B. P..... | 6 | February 18, 1886. |
| Crawford, R. R..... | 6 | March 4, 1886. |
| Lowman, E. E..... | 7 | February 11, 1886. |
| Miller, N. C..... | 7 | May 24, 1886. |
| Lee, Harry A..... | 8 | October 14, 1885. |
| Olney, Henry C..... | 8 | December 9, 1885. |
| Duval, John C..... | 8 | December 9, 1885. |
| Spoor, A. F..... | 10 | July 14, 1886. |
| Arthur, James B..... | 10 | ..... |
| Anderson, Peter..... | 10 | ..... |
| Armstrong, Andrew..... | 10 | ..... |
| Boughton, Jay H..... | 10 | ..... |
| Sickman, A. P..... | 10 | ..... |

TABULAR STATEMENT.

| COMMANDERY. | No. | Postoffice. | Created. | Admitted. | Reinstated. | Died. | Dismissed. | Suspended. | Expelled. | No., 1886. | Gain. | Loss. | COMMANDER. | RECORDER. |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Colorado | 1 | Denver. | 12 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | ..... | 136 | 164 | 8 | Aaron Gove..... | O. A. Whittemore. |
| Central City..... | 2 | Central City..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 32 | 31 | 1 | Wm. Fullerton..... | S. I. Lorah. |
| Pueblo..... | 3 | Pueblo..... | 13 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | 84 | 92 | 8 | E. J. Castle..... | H. M. McKnight. |
| Georgetown..... | 4 | Georgetown..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 | 27 | 2 | W. M. Fletcher..... | E. L. N. Foster. |
| Mt. of the Holy Cross | 5 | Leadville..... | 6 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 3 | 4 | ..... | 61 | 59 | 2 | J. H. Playter..... | A. A. Burnand. |
| Pike's Peak..... | 6 | Colorado Springs..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 3 | 4 | ..... | 40 | 32 | 8 | L. C. Skinner..... | Albert Matthews. |
| Mount Sinai..... | 7 | Boulder..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 49 | 53 | 4 | H. O. Dodge..... | Eugene Wilder. |
| Gunnison..... | 8 | Gunnison..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | 40 | 42 | 2 | A. J. Bean..... | Frank A. Root. |
| Canon City..... | 9 | Canon City..... | 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 45 | 55 | 10 | J. H. Peabody..... | Geo. W. Roe. |
| Greeley..... | 10 | Greeley..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 | ..... | 1 | 36 | 29 | 7 | H. B. Jackson..... | J. A. Woodbury. |
| Ivanhoe..... | 11 | Durango..... | 3 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | 42 | 45 | 3 | J. C. Langley..... | George Weaver. |
| Long's Peak..... | 12 | Longmont..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 28 | 30 | 2 | George Wymann..... | Eben. White. |
| De Molay..... | 13 | Fort Collins..... | 1 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 | 28 | 2 | C. L. Ingersoll..... | Ansel Watrous. |
| Aspen Mountain..... | U D | Aspen..... | 7 | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13 | 13 | W. N. Burdick..... | S. W. Keene. |
| Totals..... | ..... | ..... | 68 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 28 | 10 | 1 | 664 | 700 | 54 | 18 | ..... |

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Commandery, March 14, 1876.

| Date. | Grand Commander. | Deputy Grand Commander. | Grand Generalissimo. | Grand Captain General. | Grand Prelate. | Grand Treasurer. | Grand Recorder. |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1876, Mar. | Henry M. Teller. | W. D. Anthony. | I. W. Stanton. | J. M. Strickler. | *P. V. Finch. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1877, Mar. | W. D. Anthony. | I. W. Stanton. | H. M. Orabood. | J. M. Strickler. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1878, Sept. | I. W. Stanton. | H. M. Orabood. | J. M. Strickler. | M. Spangler. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1879, Sept. | H. M. Orabood. | J. M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | M. H. Fitch. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1880, Sept. | J. M. Strickler. | Michael Spangler. | M. H. Fitch. | Wm. Fullerton. | *T. J. Mackay. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1881, Sept. | Michael Spangler. | M. H. Fitch. | Wm. Fullerton. | P. J. Coston. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1882, Sept. | M. H. Fitch. | Wm. Fullerton. | R. W. Woodbury. | P. J. Coston. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1883, Sept. | R. W. Woodbury. | J. P. Maxwell. | Horace N. Banks. | †Geo. C. Roberts. | Francis Gallup. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1884, Sept. | J. P. Maxwell. | Horace N. Banks. | C. H. Jacobson. | A. H. Branch. | Aaron Gove. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1885, Sept. | Horace N. Banks. | Aaron Gove. | C. H. Jacobson. | A. H. Branch. | J. H. Peabody. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |
| 1886, Oct. | Aaron Gove. | A. H. Branch. | J. H. Peabody. | Geo. Wyman. | R. Harvey. | Wm. D. Todd. | Ed. C. Parmelee. |

* Dimited.

† Expelled.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| FROM | RESIDENCE. | DATE OF COMMISSION. | TO | RESIDENCE. | DATE OF COMMISSION. |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Wm. Fullerton..... | Black Hawk | June 7, 1878. | Daniel Smith..... | Mobile..... | June 24, 1878. |
| David J. Cook..... | Denver..... | March 25, 1879. | Samuel L. Griffith..... | Little Rock..... | June 24, 1878. |
| Harper M. Orabood..... | Denver..... | Sept. 16, 1879. | Henry Sayre Orms..... | Los Angeles..... | Aug. 16, 1878. |
| Michael Spangler..... | Denver..... | Nov. 11, 1880. | Joseph F. Vedwarka..... | New London..... | June 17, 1878. |
| Henry M. Teller..... | Central..... | Oct. 27, 1880. | John H. Egill..... | Savannah..... | June 7, 1878. |
| Irving W. Stanton..... | Pueblo..... | Nov. 20, 1880. | Norman T. Cassette..... | Chicago..... | May 31, 1878. |
| Warren M. Fletcher..... | Georgetown..... | June 10, 1878. | Sak. T. Williams..... | Kendallville..... | May 10, 1879. |
| Porter J. Coston..... | Buena Vista | June 10, 1878. | John C. Schrader..... | Iowa City..... | June 17, 1878. |
| Roger W. Woodbury..... | Denver..... | June 10, 1878. | Albert H. Gardner..... | Louisville..... | March 17, 1883. |
| Roger W. Woodbury..... | Denver..... | June 10, 1878. | Michael E. Howard..... | Oelousas..... | June 18, 1878. |
| Oliver A. Whittemore..... | Denver..... | June 6, 1878. | George M. Howe..... | Portland..... | June 10, 1878. |
| J. M. Strickler..... | Denver..... | June 12, 1878. | Henry A. Pierce..... | Baltimore..... | June 24, 1878. |
| James H. Peabody..... | Canon City..... | Feb. 1, 1880. | Hugh McHardy..... | Pawtucket, R. I..... | Feb. 8, 1881. |
| F. L. Foster..... | Georgetown..... | June 17, 1884. | Frederick Spaul..... | Cornwall..... | May 31, 1878. |
| Peter Winne..... | Georgetown..... | Nov. 1, 1886. | William F. Mullell..... | Yicksburg..... | June 13, 1878. |
| Roger W. Woodbury..... | Denver..... | Aug. 14, 1882. | Henry Gibbon..... | St. Louis..... | June 10, 1878. |
| William D. Todd..... | Denver..... | Aug. 2, 1878. | Joseph W. Hildreth..... | Kearney..... | June 10, 1878. |
| Harper M. Orabood..... | Denver..... | July 29, 1878. | Frederick G. Welse..... | Concord..... | Dec. 15, 1885. |
| J. M. Strickler..... | Denver..... | Feb. 22, 1886. | W. R. Cox..... | Bordentown..... | June 12, 1878. |
| A. J. Fitch..... | Gunnison..... | May 7, 1884. | Justin M. Beeth..... | Lockport..... | Jan. 14, 1884. |
| Ed. C. Parmelee..... | Georgetown..... | April 1, 1879. | John B. Richardson..... | Cleveland..... | Aug. 22, 1882. |
| John R. Hambel..... | Georgetown..... | April 5, 1884. | John Martin..... | Harrisburg..... | June 10, 1878. |
| M. H. Fitch..... | Pueblo..... | April 5, 1884. | Katherine Haskins..... | Murreesboro..... | July 14, 1878. |
| | | | Charles F. Scott..... | Paris..... | Feb. 16, 1886. |
| | | | | Brattleboro..... | April 26, 1884. |
| | | | | Farkersburg..... | May 12, 1879. |

GRAND OFFICERS.

| STATE. | GRAND COMMANDER. | RESIDENCE. | GRAND RECORDER. | RESIDENCE. | COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE. | RESIDENCE. |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Alabama..... | Daniel Smith..... | Mobile..... | Daniel Sayre..... | Montgomery..... | Grand Recorder..... | ..... |
| Arkansas..... | John D. Adams..... | Little Rock..... | James A. Henry..... | San Francisco..... | Grand Recorder..... | ..... |
| California..... | Reuben H. Lloyd..... | Prescott, Ont..... | Thomas H. Caswell..... | Barrie, Ont..... | Grand Recorder..... | ..... |
| Canada..... | W. J. B. McL. Moore..... | Denver..... | Daniel Spay..... | Georgetown..... | Harper M. Oranhood..... | Denver..... |
| Colorado..... | Aaron Gove..... | New Haven..... | Ed. C. Parmelee..... | Hartford..... | Grand Recorder..... | Yankton..... |
| Connecticut..... | Fred H. Waldron..... | St. Louis..... | Bruce M. Rowley..... | Savannah..... | Grand Recorder..... | ..... |
| Dakota..... | Daniel S. Clendenen..... | St. Paul..... | Samuel P. Hamilton..... | Chicago..... | Henry C. Ranney..... | Chicago..... |
| Georgia..... | Thomas Ballantyne..... | Lincoln..... | Gil. W. Barnard..... | Indianapolis..... | Nicholas R. Ruckle..... | Indianapolis..... |
| Illinois..... | Wilbur F. Broomfield..... | Evansville..... | John M. Bramwell..... | Des Moines..... | Thos. R. Ercanbrack..... | Anamosa..... |
| Indiana..... | Ephraim W. Patrick..... | Washington..... | John C. Parish..... | Wyandotte..... | Grand Recorder..... | ..... |
| Iowa..... | Almon R. Dewey..... | Oswego..... | John H. Brown..... | Covington..... | Charles R. Woodruff..... | Louisville..... |
| Kansas..... | Henry C. Cook..... | New Orleans..... | L. D. Croninger..... | New Orleans..... | Joseph P. Horner..... | New Orleans..... |
| Kentucky..... | John S. Lyle..... | Bath..... | Richard Lambert..... | Portland..... | Stephen Berry..... | Portland..... |
| Louisiana..... | A. H. DePass..... | Baltimore..... | Fra Berry..... | Boston..... | F. J. S. Gorgas..... | Baltimore..... |
| Maine..... | John O. Shaw..... | Springfield..... | Charles T. Sisco..... | St. Paul..... | Grand Recorder..... | ..... |
| Mass. & Rd. Isl'd..... | C. C. Isaacs..... | Kalamazoo..... | Alfred F. Chapman..... | St. Louis..... | Grand Recorder..... | Natchez..... |
| Michigan..... | Edward P. Chapin..... | Owatomia..... | Wm. P. Innes..... | Omaha..... | Grand Recorder..... | Omaha..... |
| Minnesota..... | Wm. S. Lawrence..... | Columbus..... | A. T. C. Pierson..... | Concord..... | Grand Recorder..... | Exeter..... |
| Mississippi..... | Henry Birkett..... | St. Joseph..... | J. L. Power..... | Trenton..... | Grand Recorder..... | ..... |
| Missouri..... | B. A. Vaughn..... | Nebraska City..... | W. H. Mayo..... | New York..... | John W. Simons..... | New York..... |
| Nebraska..... | Joseph S. Brown..... | Jersey City..... | Wm. R. Bowen..... | Williamington..... | James Southgate..... | Durham..... |
| New Hampshire..... | Edwin F. Warren..... | New York..... | Geo. P. Cleaves..... | Dayton..... | Enoch T. Carson..... | Cincinnati..... |
| New Jersey..... | Charles N. Towle..... | Raleigh..... | Robert Macy..... | Philadelphia..... | Wm. J. Kelly..... | Philadelphia..... |
| New York..... | Peter Forester..... | Tokelo..... | John S. Bell..... | Houston..... | Grand Recorder..... | Dallas..... |
| North Carolina..... | Donald W. Bain..... | Savannah..... | Charles E. Meyer..... | Burlington..... | John C. McCoy..... | St. Johnsbury..... |
| Ohio..... | La Fayette Lytle..... | Houston..... | Wilbur F. Foster..... | Richmond..... | Frederick S. Fisher..... | ..... |
| Pennsylvania..... | Joseph Alexander, Jr..... | Montpelier..... | Robert Brewster..... | Fairmont..... | Grand Recorder..... | ..... |
| Tennessee..... | Harry C. Hensley..... | Alexandria..... | Warren G. Reynolds..... | Richmond..... | R. H. List..... | ..... |
| Texas..... | U. C. Lubbuck..... | Charleston..... | Wm. B. Isaacs..... | Richmond, Va..... | Wm. C. Swain..... | Milwaukee..... |
| Vermont..... | Geo. W. Wing..... | Racine..... | John W. Ladin..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Virginia..... | Frank A. Reed..... | New York City..... | Wm. B. Isaacs..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| West Virginia..... | Geo. Davis..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wisconsin..... | Jeremiah Watts..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| United States..... | Charles Roome..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHARLES ROOME.....*New York, N. Y.*....Grand Master.
 JOHN P. S. GOBIN.....*Lebanon, Pa.*.....Deputy Grand Master.
 HUGH MCCURDY.....*Corunna, Mich.*.....Grand Generalissimo.
 W. LARUE THOMAS.. ..*Danville, Ky*Grand Captain General.
 REUBEN H. LLOYD.....*San Francisco, Cal.*Grand Senior Warden.
 HENRY B. STODDARD...*Bryan, Texas*.....Grand Junior Warden.
 H. WALES LINES.....*Meriden, Conn.*.....Grand Treasurer.
 WM. B. ISAACS.....*Richmond, Va.*.....Grand Recorder.
 JOHN G. WEBSTER.....*Greenbush, N. Y.*....Grand Prelate.
 JOHN R. PARSON.....*St. Louis, Mo.*.....Grand Standard Bearer.
 NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK..*Providence, R. I.*....Grand Sword Bearer.
 NICHOLAS R. RUCKLE..*Indianapolis, Ind.*...Grand Warder.
 EDWARD F. WARREN...*Nebraska City, Neb.*Grand Captain of the Guard.

Twenty-fourth Triennial will be held in Washington, D. C., 1889.

CODE OF STATUTES
—OF—
GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF COLORADO.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR and the Appendant Orders of Colorado.

ARTICLE II.

Jurisdiction.

SECTION 1. Its jurisdiction shall be within the territorial limits of Colorado.

ARTICLE III.

Objects.

SECTION 1. In said Grand Commandery alone is vested the right and duty to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction, subject only to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. It may therefore make laws, pass regulations, and repeal, alter and amend the same. It may grant warrants and dispensations for holding Commanderies of Knights Templar, and for good cause annul and revoke the same. It may assign the limits of all Commanderies under its jurisdiction, and settle all controver-

sies that may arise between them, and censure, suspend or expel members for wilful violation of its statutes, regulations or edicts. It may assess and collect from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction such sums of money as may be necessary for expenses, and may consider all matters and do all things appertaining to the well-being and perpetuation of the Order, and exercise all the rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Members.

SECTION 1. The Grand Commandery shall consist of the officers and members enumerated in Section 1, Article II., of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America. The first *nine* of such officers shall be elected, and the remaining officers appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

SECTION 1. The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at the City of Denver on the Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of September of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees, Dues and Finances.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall demand and receive for conferring the Order of Knighthood, a sum not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75).

SEC. 2. For instituting a new Commandery within this jurisdiction, the fees shall be: For Dispensation, ninety dollars (\$90); and for Charter, the further sum of ten dollars (\$10).

SEC. 3. Each Subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of this Grand

Commandery the sum of five dollars for each Knight Templar dubbed and created in such Commandery; and the further sum of fifty cents annually for each member belonging to such Commandery. Every Subordinate Commandery shall make annual returns, to include all work done since the date of their last returns, a list of officers, and an alphabetical list of members, and return the same to the Grand Recorder, with their dues, at least ten days before each Annual Conclave.

SEC. 4. The R. E. Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery shall appoint a committee of three (3) Sir Knights, members of this Grand Commandery, who shall, as a Committee on Finance, inspect and audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, and report the result at each regular Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees and Correspondence.

SECTION 1. Immediately upon the meeting of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing Committees, of three Sir Knights each, viz:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Returns and Work of Commanderies.
3. On Petitions, Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Printing and Miscellaneous Business.

To these committees shall be referred all the appropriate returns and documents appertaining thereto; these committees shall hold to the close of the session.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commander shall also, prior to the close of the session, appoint a committee of three, of whom the Grand Recorder shall be one, upon Foreign Correspondence, which shall act for one year and report at the next Annual Conclave; also a committee of three on Templar Jurisprudence.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. No amendment or alteration can be made to these statutes unless by a resolution in writing, stating distinctly the alteration or amendment proposed, which must be carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING ORDERS.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of August in each year, for such an amount as may be necessary to pay the dues due from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar.—1876, page 13.

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery donates to the M. W. Grand Lodge Library all the proceedings of its sister Grand Commanderies and other printed documents in its possession, and that may be received from time to time, on the condition that the rights and benefits of the Library be extended to the members of this Grand Commandery.—1878, page 18.

By Chapter 44 of the Code of Statutes, the Grand Commandery is prohibited from making any change in the uniform as adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1862.

The purchase of "uniform" uniforms can best be regulated by the Subordinate Commanderies taking the matter under their own immediate control, and making contracts with a particular manufacturer for supplying their wants. And Subordinate Commanderies are hereby instructed to see that uniforms hereafter obtained by or for their members be made in every respect according to the statutes of the Grand Encampment.—1882, page 14.

Resolved, That the Ritual as promulgated by the General Grand Encampment of the United States at the Triennial Conclave held in 1883, and known as the "Short Form" of Ritual, be and hereby is adopted as the work of said Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.—1885, page 14.

That hereafter each application to receive the Orders of Knighthood in this Jurisdiction shall bear upon its face the following words: "This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected."—1885, page 14.

A rejected candidate shall not be entitled to any other information, save that he is rejected; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information as to who was present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges, and, upon conviction, expelled from the Order. It is hereby declared to be the duty of the Eminent Commander or Recorder of each Commandery subordinate to this Grand Commandery to publish this statute to his Commandery when-ever a petition for the Orders shall be voted upon by his Commandery.—1885, page 15.

Resolved, That the advice of Grand Commander Maxwell in his address, upon the impropriety of establishing new Commanderies, unless sufficiently far removed from old Commanderies as not to interfere with their efficiency, receives the hearty endorsement of this Grand Commandery.—1885, page 19.

No Dispensation should be issued for Commanderies U. D., without each applicant be clear on the books of his Commandery to the date of the next Annual Grand Conclave, or present a dimit.—1886, page 20.

Resolved, That the "Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar," by H. B. Grant, be adopted for the use and government of Subordinate Commanderies of Colorado.—1886, page 23.

DECISIONS

NOW IN FORCE, AS APPROVED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

Only those who joined in the petition for the Dispensation, and those who received the orders in the Commandery, compose a Commandery Under Dispensation. New members, other than those who received the orders in the Commandery, cannot be received by a Commandery while under Dispensation.—*H. M. Orakood*, 1880, *page 6*.

The Recorder should only receive money or its equivalent, and at once deposit it with the Treasurer, and no money should be withdrawn from the Treasurer's hands, except by order of the Commandery or E. C. when properly authorized.—*M. Spangler*, 1882, *page 7*.

The Em. Commander of a Commandery stated by letter that Sir ———, J. W., had removed from the State and desired a dimit, but that he did not see how it could be granted. I wrote him to grant the dimit if the Sir Knight was in good standing and his dues were paid.

A Commandery U. D. can perform only such acts as are defined in the Dispensation, i. e.: to meet as a Commandery and to confer the Orders of Knighthood. They cannot admit unaffiliated Knights to membership while under Dispensation.

The Commander of Mt. of the Holy Cross Commandery No. 5 applied, under date of July 5, 1883, for the privilege to act upon a petition for membership prior to the expiration of the required six months from the date of a former rejection of same applicant, on the ground that the member who had cast the only black ball at the previous ballot dimitted, and the applicant desired to visit San Francisco as a Knight, in August. I decided that the rejection of the applicant was perfectly legal, and there was no good reason why he should not wait the usual period.—*M. H. Fitch*, 1883, *page 5*.

To the last decision the Grand Commandery adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which said:

This decision is approved and heartily recommended for the guidance of Grand Commanders in similar cases in future.—1883, *page 10*.

My correspondence, in the nature of advice and instructions to Sir Knights engaged in the starting of new Commanderies, has been somewhat extensive, and I report some of the features, which may appear trivial to you, for the instruction of such as are not so well informed and may desire to inaugurate new Commanderies hereafter.

Sir Knights engaged in the inauguration of new Commanderies should first of all obtain from the Grand Recorder a copy of the last proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and a copy of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States,

Affiliated Sir Knights should not apply for dimits in order to sign a petition for dispensation.

Sir Knights already possessing dimits should forward them with the petition. Applications should show from whence the applicants hail.

A recommendation of a petition, though of a general character and not specific according to formula, should be understood as covering all points that are essential for the Grand Commander to know.

All papers essential for a dispensation become part of the permanent records of the Grand Recorder's office, and mutilated papers therefore cannot be accepted.

Promises to forward essential papers at some future period after the issuance of dispensation are useless. The papers must be supplied in advance.

Labored assertions to the Grand Commander that applications are correct and ought to be satisfactory, should be avoided as superfluous and bordering on impertinence.

Petitions must be endorsed by the nearest Commandery, and not necessarily by the most convenient.

The officers of a Commandery under dispensation cannot be installed, but, on receipt of their authority, assemble the Sir Knights, read the same, open a Commandery and proceed to work.

The Grand Commander cannot take five or six Sir Knights to visit a neighboring town, there open a Commandery and make enough Knights to apply for a dispensation; and no Grand Commander would do so if he could.

All signers to the application for dispensation and all knighted in that Commandery, have the right to vote on petitions in a Commandery under dispensation.

The three principal officers of a Commandery under dispensation, as such, cannot form and open a Commandery for the transaction of business as three Sir Knights hailing from three different Commanderies under the sanction of a warrant from some Grand Commandery.

Question—"Can a non-affiliate in Lodge and Chapter receive the orders in Colorado?" *Answer in full*—"The Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States declares it unnecessary for an applicant for the orders to be a member of Lodge or Chapter; yet another section declares that expulsion or suspension from his Masonic rights by Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery and of all intercourse with the Order. The Grand Lodge of Colorado has a law that all non-affiliates not making application for membership within twelve months shall be deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry. A Grand Master's ruling on this has been approved by Jurisprudence Committee and by Grand Lodge, that the penalty for non-affiliation can be inflicted only after charges and trial. There is, therefore, no law to prevent the orders being conferred on a non-affiliated Master and Royal Arch Mason. Yet, if such person has been a non-affiliated Master for twelve months, he is every day living in opposition to a Grand Lodge law, for which he is liable at any moment to be placed under charges and convicted; in which event he would be deprived of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. Therefore, while the non-affiliate is eligible for the orders if not deprived of his Masonic rights, it is certainly not prudent to confer them upon him during existing Grand Lodge laws."
—*R. W. Woodbury, 1884, pages 6 to 9.*

A member cannot interpose an objection to the conferring of the Order in the midst of the ceremony, for reasons that existed prior to the initial steps.—*J. P. Maxwell, 1886, page 10.*

FORMS.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Right Eminent Sir ———,

Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Colorado:

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desiring to promote its influence, and that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, are desirous of forming a new Commandery, to be located at ———, and to be known as ——— Commandery. They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir ——— to be the first Commander; Sir ——— to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir ——— to be the first Captain General of said new Commandery; and they pray for a dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at ———, in the County of ———, and discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict obedience to the commands of R. E. Grand Commander, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and the usages of the Order.

Dated, ———

~~✍~~ The petition must be signed by nine Sir Knights of the Order, and recommended by the nearest Commandery to the place where the new Commandery is to be located, and accompanied by the fee of \$90.

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of ——— Commandery
No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at ———, Colorado:*

I hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, that I have received the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., in ——— Lodge No. —, and the degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A., in ——— Chapter No. —, and that I am desirous of receiving the several Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery.

[Here state whether or not you have made a like application at any time to any Commandery; if so, whether rejected or not.]

I further declare that I am a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise a cheerful conformity to the rules and usages of the Order. I also promise to provide myself with the regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

My age is —

Residence, —

Occupation, —

Dated at —, Colo., —, A. D. 18—.

We recommend Companion — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Royal Arch Mason.

(This candidate, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any other information save that he has been rejected.)

The undersigned, a committee appointed to report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report —.

—, Colo., —, A. D. 18—, A. O. 76—.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of — Commandery/
No. —, Knights Templar, stationed at —, Colorado:*

I hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar, and late a member of — Commandery No. —, stationed at —, as appears by my dimit herewith presented; and that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Commandery. Should my petition be favorably considered, I promise to provide myself with a regulation uniform, as adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, within a period of four months.

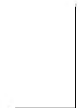
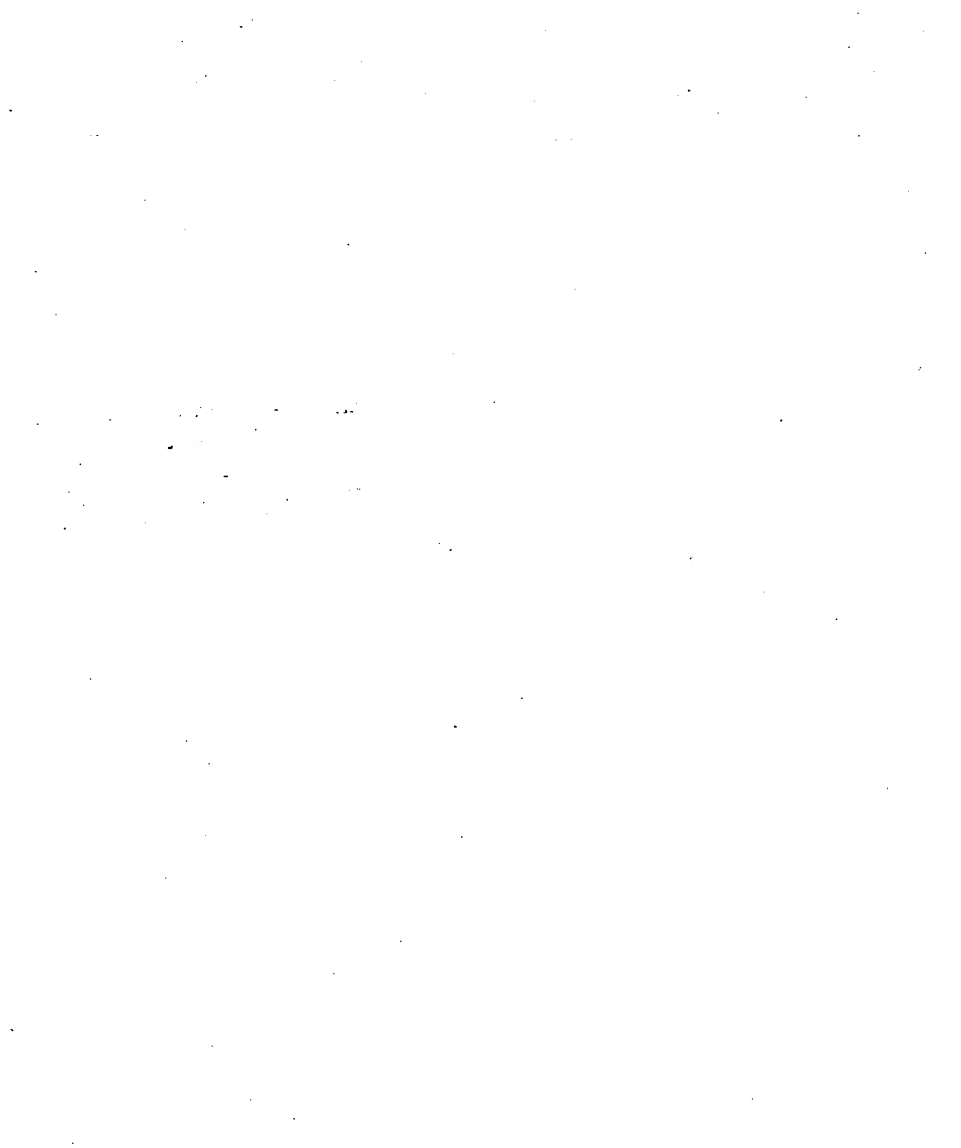
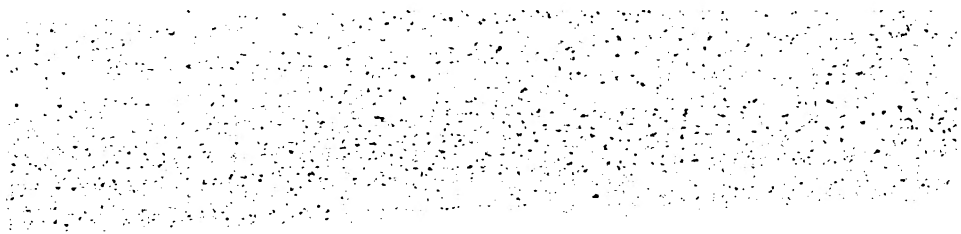
My age is —

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—, Colo., A. D. 18—, A. O. 76—.

We recommend Sir — to the favorable consideration of the Commandery as a worthy Knight Templar.



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